



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest and fieldwork activities continued last week where conditions allowed, but was delayed in areas due to continued adverse weather and field conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In northeastern counties, warmer midweek weather allowed harvest to advance and corn harvest was noted as nearing completion. Sugarbeet harvest was virtually complete. Sorghum and sunflower harvest also picked up last week. A reporter noted cattle were being moved to corn stalks or other winter pasture. Reporters in east central counties noted recent moisture improved soil moisture supplies, but continued to delay fall harvest. In southwestern counties, a reporter noted snow last week was beneficial, but the area remains extremely dry. In southeastern counties, a reporter noted wet conditions continued to delay harvest. Producers were waiting for drier weather in order to finish harvest. Statewide, pasture and range condition was rated 29 percent good to excellent, compared with 65 percent rated good to excellent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 71 percent average and 29 percent light. Cattle death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting harvested	90	83	94	NA
Corn Harvested for grain	87	77	84	90
Sorghum Harvested	65	55	85	87
Sugarbeets Harvested	99	94	96	96
Sunflowers Harvested	72	56	86	88

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.4	5.7	6.7	NA
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	1	NA
Short	11	16	16	NA
Adequate	82	76	82	NA
Surplus.....	4	5	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	8	3	NA
Short	20	26	18	NA
Adequate	72	63	78	NA
Surplus.....	2	3	1	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	22	28	2	NA
Poor.....	26	25	9	NA
Fair.....	23	19	24	NA
Good	27	23	52	NA
Excellent	2	5	13	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	1	1	NA
Poor.....	5	5	3	NA
Fair.....	30	31	23	NA
Good	53	54	53	NA
Excellent	10	9	20	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	2	4	--	NA
Poor.....	2	4	1	NA
Fair.....	13	17	12	NA
Good	75	66	80	NA
Excellent	8	9	7	NA

NA – not available

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