COLORADO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Most producers wrapped up fall harvest last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In eastern counties, rain and snow kept producers out of the field for a day or two last week, but harvest progress was made overall. Concerns remained in these areas regarding short soil moisture supplies and rangeland conditions heading into winter due to lack of received moisture. Southwestern counties received rain and snow in areas last week, but severe drought conditions remained and a county reporter noted much more moisture was needed for recovery. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 64 percent average, and 34 percent light. Cattle death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2019. Next year's Colorado weekly report will begin in March 2020.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Thursday, January 2, 2020; for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; and for February on Monday, February 24, 2020.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2019 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS					
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Alfalfa hay					
4 th cutting harvested	95	90	93	NA	
Corn					
Harvested for grain	96	92	96	94	
Sorghum					
Harvested	99	95	80	91	
Sunflowers					
Harvested	97	92	81	90	
Winter wheat					
Emerged	94	91	98	99	
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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	5.6	6.1	5.7	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	14	2	NA
Short	28	30	18	NA
Adequate	58	56	78	NA
Surplus			2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	12	9	5	NA
Short	25	31	25	NA
Adequate	61	58	68	NA
Surplus	2	2	2	NA

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	2	20	NA
Poor	7	8	25	NA
Fair	27	31	26	NA
Good	58	53	27	NA
Excellent	5	6	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	2	1	NA
Poor	8	6	11	NA
Fair	23	28	34	NA
Good	50	51	49	NA
Excellent	15	13	5	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	1	NA
Poor	3	2	2	NA
Fair	9	7	14	NA
Good	74	77	78	NA
Excellent	13	13	5	NA

NA – not available

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