



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Widespread rainfall was a welcome relief from dry warm conditions reported over the past few months. The much-needed moisture slowed winter wheat harvesting throughout the state. Colorado reported average temperatures last week. The cool, wet weather only allowed farmers 4.5 days in the field to continue field work and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	29	47	4
Last Week	37	39	21	3
Last Year	7	25	67	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	45	22	0
Last Week	39	45	16	0
Last Year	14	33	51	2

Field Crops: Winter wheat was reported 100 percent at or beyond the turning color stage, 98 percent at or beyond the ripe stage, and 78 percent of this year's crop has been harvested. The crop not yet harvested was rated in mostly poor to very poor condition. Spring wheat was 88 percent at or beyond headed and 25 percent at or beyond turning color. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. The corn crop has reached 7 percent at or beyond the silked stage with the crop currently rated in mostly good condition. The dry onion crop is also rated in mostly good condition. The sorghum crop reached 100 percent planted with 93 percent emerged, and 7 percent headed last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 94 percent at or beyond the headed stage and 28 percent at or beyond turning color by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Summer potatoes were reported at or beyond the emerged stage and are currently rated in excellent to good condition. The sugarbeet crop reached the up-to-stand stage by the end of last week.

The crop is mostly rated in good to fair condition. Fall potatoes reached 100 percent at or beyond the emerged stage. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good condition. Dry beans were 3 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 94 percent of first cutting and 18 percent of the second cutting complete. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition. Sunflower producers were active with 95 percent of the crop now planted. The sunflower crop is rated in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 9, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	33	40	19	8	0
Spring Wheat	5	11	26	38	20
Spring Barley	1	6	25	46	22

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received at the end of last week.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. Along with early weaning, producers continue to cull herds to relieve overgrazing of depleted pastures and rangeland.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 9, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	26	34	30	10	0
Prev. Year - 2005	7	19	35	31	8
5-Year Avg.	18	21	36	22	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 9, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	98	90	87	82
Harvested	78	60	61	48
Spring Wheat				
Headed	88	82	93	93
Turning color	25	18	29	29
Spring Barley				
Headed	94	87	94	98
Turning color	28	14	30	35
Corn				
Silked	7	3	11	7
Sorghum				
Emerged	93	86	98	95
Headed	7	3	0	0
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	93	99	98
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting	94	92	96	95
2 nd cutting	18	12	18	16
Dry Beans				
Flowered	3	0	5	5

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	6	16	60	15
Sorghum	1	5	30	63	1
Sunflower	2	7	23	65	3
Alfalfa hay	6	19	31	38	6
Dry Onions	5	6	22	50	17
Sugarbeets	7	16	30	35	12
Summer Potatoes	2	8	5	42	43
Fall Potatoes	0	11	25	49	15
Dry Beans	2	12	34	50	2

1/ Crop condition ratings ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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