



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado enjoyed some much needed moisture last week. However, many areas continue to be below average for the year and are experiencing temperatures warmer than normal. These conditions reduced the soil moisture for the week. Producers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 15 | 31 | 50 | 4 |
| Last Week | 11 | 37 | 52 | 0 |
| Last Year | 25 | 44 | 29 | 2 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 11 | 37 | 50 | 2 |
| Last Week | 10 | 39 | 49 | 2 |
| Last Year | 39 | 43 | 18 | 0 |

Small Grains: The winter wheat harvest finished last week. Many producers reported record yields for the crop this year. Spring barley was 90 percent turning color and 10 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was 71 percent turning color and 6 percent harvested last week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 35 percent headed and 1 percent turning color. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions and sunflowers are rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 63 percent silked and 8 percent dough by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. Sugarbeets are still in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 61 percent flowered with the crop in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 29, 2007

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 2 | 24 | 41 | 33 |
| Last Year | 1 | 6 | 24 | 48 | 21 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 1 | 3 | 29 | 40 | 27 |
| Last Year | 3 | 7 | 27 | 42 | 21 |

Alfalfa Hay: Second cutting was 79 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good condition.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions continued to decrease last week due to the high temperatures. They are rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated below average for the week. Livestock condition is rated in mostly good to excellent. Stored feed supplies are average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 29, 2007

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range | 3 | 11 | 38 | 44 | 4 |
| Prev. Year | 34 | 32 | 27 | 7 | 0 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 26 | 25 | 30 | 18 | 1 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 29, 2007

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 100 | 96 | 100 | 99 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Turning Color | 71 | 54 | 71 | 75 |
| Harvested | 6 | 0 | 9 | 17 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Turning Color | 90 | 79 | 83 | 80 |
| Harvested | 10 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Silked | 63 | 38 | 52 | 52 |
| Dough | 8 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Headed | 35 | 23 | 42 | 24 |
| Turning Color | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 2 nd Cutting | 79 | 70 | 60 | 57 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Flowered | 61 | 46 | 68 | 50 |

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Spring Barley | 0 | 2 | 24 | 41 | 33 |
| Spring Wheat | 1 | 3 | 29 | 40 | 27 |
| Corn | 3 | 7 | 17 | 53 | 20 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 1 | 13 | 75 | 11 |
| Sunflowers | 0 | 1 | 12 | 71 | 16 |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 4 | 20 | 54 | 21 |
| Dry Beans | 0 | 4 | 16 | 69 | 11 |
| Summer Potatoes | 0 | 3 | 13 | 33 | 51 |
| Fall Potatoes | 0 | 4 | 32 | 44 | 20 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 4 | 25 | 60 | 11 |
| Dry Onions | 1 | 5 | 23 | 52 | 19 |
| Livestock | 1 | 2 | 14 | 66 | 17 |

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

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