



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced some measurable amount of precipitation last week. The Front Range is the only area in the state that reported amounts above average for this time of year. Temperatures continued to soar statewide, but did not affect moisture conditions significantly. Producers had an average of 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	40	40	4
Last Week	15	39	43	3
Last Year	13	29	55	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	41	43	3
Last Week	12	39	46	3
Last Year	31	42	26	1

Small Grains: Spring barley was 87 percent harvested and spring wheat is 61 percent harvested by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 43 percent turning color, and 12 percent mature, ahead of last year and the 5-year average. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 32 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers are rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 29 percent harvested and in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 89 percent dough, 40 percent dent, and 3 percent mature by the end of the week. Seventeen percent of the corn silage crop was harvested by week's end. The corn crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets are still in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 16 percent cut and 3 percent harvested, with the crop in mostly good condition

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 2, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	7	22	52	18
Last Year	4	14	23	44	15
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	23	66	11
Last Year	1	11	28	59	1

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 40 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Conditions remained about the same as the previous week and are rated in mostly good to fair.

Livestock: Death loss for cattle was reported at average while sheep were below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 2, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	3	10	37	37	13
Prev. Year	17	26	35	19	3
5-Year Avg.	24	25	29	19	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 2, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	61	39	57	68
Spring Barley				
Harvested	87	69	73	82
Corn				
Dough	89	72	77	74
Dent	40	25	37	36
Mature	3	0	9	6
Corn Silage				
Harvested	17	10	21	19
Sorghum				
Turning Color	43	35	37	32
Mature	12	9	8	6
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	40	30	39	41
Dry Onions				
Harvested	32	21	38	40
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	29	21	39	42
Dry Beans				
Cut	16	4	20	17
Harvested	3	0	4	5

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	7	22	52	18
Sorghum	0	0	23	66	11
Sunflowers	1	1	12	73	13
Alfalfa	1	4	29	47	19
Dry Beans	0	1	23	66	10
Summer Potatoes	0	2	15	39	44
Fall Potatoes	0	5	34	46	15
Sugarbeets	0	4	22	61	13
Dry Onions	0	5	16	56	23
Livestock	0	2	13	69	16

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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