



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received minimal amounts of moisture last week. Most areas were below average, with the exception of the San Luis Valley which reported amounts about average for this time of year. The Front Range had a break from high temperatures last week, but the rest of the state posted temperatures higher than normal. Producers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	42	37	3
Last Week	16	38	43	3
Last Year	11	25	62	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	41	41	3
Last Week	14	41	43	2
Last Year	26	40	33	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 24 percent seeded by the end of last week. This is slightly behind last year and the 5-year average which were 27 and 37 percent, respectively. Spring barley was 99 percent harvested and spring wheat was 93 percent harvested by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 82 percent turning color, 42 percent mature, and 5 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 56 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 7 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 45 percent harvested and in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were 19 percent harvested and in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 99 percent dough, 80 percent dent, 39 percent mature, and 2 percent harvested by the end of the week. Fifty-nine percent of the corn silage crop was harvested by week's end. The corn crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 2 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 47 percent cut and 20 percent harvested, with the crop in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 16, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	3	17	55	23
Last Year	5	12	22	44	17
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	21	66	13
Last Year	1	8	29	60	2

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 76 percent complete with 4th cutting 5 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good condition.

Pasture and Range: Conditions decreased last week with the lack of moisture and elevated temperatures. Pasture and range 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 condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 16, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	3	11	36	42	8
Prev. Year	14	23	41	20	2
5-Year Avg.	21	25	32	20	2

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 16, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	24	5	27	37
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	93	77	92	93
Spring Barley				
Harvested	99	96	99	98
Corn				
Dough	99	94	97	96
Dent	80	57	81	75
Mature	39	10	32	26
Harvested	2	0	3	1
Corn Silage				
Harvested	59	31	60	51
Sorghum				
Turning Color	82	53	56	58
Mature	42	20	26	23
Harvested	5	0	1	0
Sunflowers				
Harvested	7	0	0	4
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	76	58	76	69
4 th Cutting	5	0	19	12
Dry Onions				
Harvested	56	41	55	61
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	2	0	4	1
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	45	39	64	64
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	19	3	18	20
Dry Beans				
Cut	47	24	60	54
Harvested	20	8	33	28

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	3	17	55	23
Sorghum	0	0	21	66	13
Sunflowers	1	1	7	74	17
Alfalfa	1	4	24	48	23
Dry Beans	0	2	21	63	14
Summer Potatoes	0	2	15	38	45
Fall Potatoes	0	2	37	43	18
Sugarbeets	0	3	16	64	17
Dry Onions	0	4	15	55	26
Livestock	1	2	13	67	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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