



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was limited across Colorado last week. Most areas reported amounts well below average for this time of year. This, along with elevated temperatures statewide allowed producers an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	36	44	1
Last Week	18	40	40	2
Last Year	10	23	65	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	40	44	3
Last Week	12	44	42	2
Last Year	21	37	41	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 84 percent seeded and 59 percent emerged by the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 76 percent mature and 22 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 83 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflowers were 45 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 81 percent harvested. This is behind last year and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Fall potatoes were 60 percent harvested and in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 92 percent mature and 29 percent harvested with 98 percent of the corn silage crop harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 20 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 91 percent cut and 72 percent harvested by the end of the week.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 7, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	4	17	55	22
Last Year	6	12	22	44	16
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	21	66	13
Last Year	1	14	31	52	2

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 99 percent complete with 4th cutting 35 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 slightly 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 October 7, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	4	13	35	44	4
Prev. Year	13	25	39	21	2
5-Year Avg.	18	26	35	19	2

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 7, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	84	68	92	93
Emerged	59	35	66	64
Corn				
Mature	92	79	92	84
Harvested	29	14	14	15
Corn Silage				
Harvested	98	91	100	94
Sorghum				
Mature	76	68	54	56
Harvested	22	12	9	15
Sunflowers				
Harvested	45	39	27	22
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	99	91	95	91
4 th Cutting	35	24	37	39
Dry Onions				
Harvested	83	75	94	88
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	20	14	16	16
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	81	68	89	89
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	60	45	71	69
Dry Beans				
Cut	91	77	92	93
Harvested	72	54	74	73

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	7	27	47	19
Corn	2	4	17	55	22
Sorghum	0	0	21	66	13
Sunflowers	1	2	13	66	18
Alfalfa	0	6	26	47	21
Fall Potatoes	0	3	37	43	17
Sugarbeets	0	4	16	65	15
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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