



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced scattered thunderstorms throughout the state last week with average temperatures. Soil moisture improved as a result. This typical August weather pattern allowed farmers 5 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	34	42	3
Last Week	25	45	28	2
Last Year	24	45	30	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	36	41	22	1
Last Week	40	43	17	0
Last Year	27	43	29	1

Small Grains: Spring wheat was 90 percent at or beyond turning color with 20 percent harvested. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. Spring barley was 99 percent at or beyond turning color and 24 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was also rated in mostly good to fair condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 6, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	1	6	33	45	15
Spring Barley	1	10	26	43	20

Row Crops: The corn crop has reached 75 percent at or beyond the silked stage and 20 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 2 percent of the crop at or beyond the dent stage. The crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 53 percent headed last week with 9 percent turning color. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 7 percent harvested by week's end and are currently rated

in good to excellent condition. The sugarbeet crop is rated in good to fair condition. The dry onion crop is also rated in good to fair condition. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 88 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers are rated in good to fair condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 6, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	12	30	42	11
Sorghum	1	10	34	54	1

Hay: Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 73 percent of the crop at or beyond the second cutting. The crop is currently rated equally in fair and good condition.

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved slightly due to the seasonal temperatures and scattered rainfall.

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 August 6, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	30	32	30	7	1
Prev. Year - 2005	12	27	33	24	4
5-Year Avg.	24	21	26	25	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 6, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Turning color	90	75	79	86
Harvested	20	10	23	30
Spring Barley				
Turning color	99	85	84	92
Harvested	24	11	18	27
Corn				
Silked	75	55	70	74
Dough	20	6	18	14
Dent	2	-	0	0
Corn Silage				
Harvested	2	-	-	-
Sorghum				
Headed	53	44	49	37
Turning color	9	3	1	1
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting	73	62	82	71
Dry Beans				
Flowered	88	70	56	65
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	7	-	3	5

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sunflower	5	11	33	49	2
Alfalfa hay	13	18	31	31	7
Dry Onions	3	4	23	56	14
Sugarbeets	6	15	24	50	5
Summer Potatoes	3	6	4	47	40
Fall Potatoes	0	8	25	47	20
Dry Beans	5	11	23	55	6

^{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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