



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced some much-needed rainfall last week with temperatures reported at or slightly below average throughout the state. Overcast days and cooler temperatures have slowed the harvesting of several crops. Soil moisture increased as a result of much-needed precipitation. A normal August weather pattern allowed farmers 5.4 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	30	43	5
Last Week	27	35	35	3
Last Year	12	37	48	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	42	21	0
Last Week	38	44	17	1
Last Year	23	43	33	1

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat was 100 percent at or beyond turning color with 35 percent harvested. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. Spring barley was 37 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 20, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	6	13	30	40	11
Spring Barley	8	17	28	36	11

**Row Crops:** The corn crop has reached 96 percent at or beyond the silked stage and 57 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 18 percent of the crop at or beyond the dent stage. Roughly 6 percent of corn for silage has been harvested. The corn crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 71 percent headed last week with 24 percent turning color.

The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 20 percent harvested by week's end and are currently rated in good to excellent condition. The dry onion crop reached 19 percent harvested by week's end and is currently rated in good condition. The sugarbeet crop is rated in good to fair condition. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to fair condition, however elevated levels of precipitation have producers keeping a close eye on mold and other diseases. Dry beans were 96 percent at or beyond the flowered stage with 1 percent cut 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 20, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	13	30	41	12
Sorghum	1	11	31	57	-

**Hay:** Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 85 percent of the crop at or beyond the second cutting and 20 percent at or beyond the third cutting. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 20, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	21	29	36	13	1
Prev. Year - 2005	10	25	39	23	3
5-Year Avg.	24	23	31	19	3

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 20, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning color	100	98	97	98
Harvested	35	30	38	50
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	37	32	39	54
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	96	90	92	96
Dough	57	30	34	39
Dent	18	5	9	9
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	6	5	-	3
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	71	68	80	67
Turning color	24	15	12	8
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	85	80	94	89
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	20	8	21	24
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	96	92	78	87
Cut	1	0	2	2
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	20	14	18	23
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvest	19	15	12	23

**COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Sunflower</b>	2	12	33	46	7
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>	13	19	30	32	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>	3	5	22	50	20
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	7	13	25	46	9
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	1	10	10	40	39
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	1	8	32	45	14
<b>Dry Beans</b>	13	7	22	52	6

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