



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced similar weather patterns over the last two weeks with cool, damp conditions reported. Temperatures were reported below average with average levels of precipitation across Colorado for the week. October weather patterns allowed farmers 5 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations. The cool, cloudy days continue to slow the harvesting of several crops throughout the week. Frost was again reported across the Eastern Plains and the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
<b>This Week</b>	8	26	64	2
<b>Last Week</b>	6	24	67	3
<b>Last Year</b>	6	21	66	7

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
<b>This Week</b>	15	39	45	1
<b>Last Week</b>	18	36	45	1
<b>Last Year</b>	8	30	58	4

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat producers finished planting with 91 percent of the crop now emerged by week's end. Winter wheat is currently rated in good to excellent condition. Reporters are indicating that some winter wheat producers may have to replant areas that received heavy rainfall.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 22, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	5	26	40	27

**Row Crops:** The corn crop has completed the mature stage with 30 percent harvested. The corn crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached completion of the turning color stage with 70 percent mature and 20 percent harvested by week's

end. The crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition. Summer potatoes producers finished harvest by week's end. Fall potato and dry onion producers also completed harvest by the end of the week. The sugarbeet harvest continues with 48 percent of the crop now harvested. Sugarbeets are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans cut reached completion with 84 percent harvested by week's end. Sunflowers are rated in mostly good to fair condition with 53 percent of the crop now harvested.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 22, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	12	25	39	19
Sorghum	1	19	38	41	1

**Hay:** Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 55 percent of the fourth cutting harvested. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions increased slightly thanks to fall moisture. Reports indicate that grasses have matured and turned color.

**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. Many producers continue to sell cattle due to shortages in winter feed and hay stored.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 22, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Pasture &amp; Range-2006</b>	11	24	37	24	4
<b>Prev. Year - 2005</b>	9	22	41	24	4
<b>5-Year Avg.</b>	20	21	37	20	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 22, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	100	97	99	100
Emerged	91	83	90	90
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	100	98	99	99
Harvested	30	22	31	45
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning color	100	96	100	100
Mature	70	60	88	90
Harvested	20	15	28	38
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	53	45	48	44
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	100	97	100	100
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	55	43	64	64
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	100	95	100	99
Harvested	84	77	91	92
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	100	93	89	97
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	100	91	99	99
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvest	48	29	39	47
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvest	100	97	96	97

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Sunflower</b>	5	19	33	40	3
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>	7	20	33	33	7
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	4	9	24	47	16

<sup>1/</sup> 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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