



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced dry sunny days last week with temperatures reported below average. November weather patterns allowed farmers 6 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations. With no widespread rain fall reported last week, the harvesting of several crops progressed nicely. The snowpack levels across the Rocky Mountains of Colorado are above normal averages for this time of year.

Row Crops: The corn crop has reached 62 percent harvested, and is rated in good to excellent condition. The sorghum crop reached 100 percent mature and 39 percent harvested by week's end. The crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition. The sugarbeet harvest continues with 73 percent of the crop now harvested. Dry beans reached 94 percent harvested while sunflowers reached 79 percent harvested by week's end.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	23	70	1
Last Week	5	20	69	6
Last Year	5	20	72	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	33	49	1
Last Week	19	35	44	2
Last Year	8	30	61	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat producers have finished planting with most of the crop emerged by week's end. Winter wheat is currently rated in excellent to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	4	19	35	40

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	11	16	49	19
Sorghum	2	12	45	34	7

Hay: Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 77 percent of the fourth cutting harvested.

Pasture and Range: 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.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 5, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	100	96	100	97
Corn				
Harvested	62	45	63	72
Sorghum				
Mature	100	92	100	99
Harvested	39	25	67	69
Sunflowers				
Harvested	79	65	78	75
Alfalfa				
4 th cutting	77	66	85	86
Dry Beans				
Harvested	94	88	100	99
Sugarbeets				
Harvest	73	68	78	87

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