



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The state of Colorado experienced below average amounts of moisture and above average temperatures last week. Producers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations. The warm temperatures are helping the development of many crops but much of the state is enduring drought conditions making it very difficult on crops and livestock.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	41	38	1
Last Week	19	38	41	2
Last Year	6	23	69	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	43	30	0
Last Week	25	25	35	1
Last Year	5	29	63	3

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 79 percent turning color, 47 percent ripe and 9 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 61 percent headed and 4 percent turning color in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 42 percent headed and 3 percent turning color, in mostly good to fair condition.

**Row Crops:** The 2008 corn crop was 1 percent silked last week. The crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. Summer potatoes were 89 percent emerged and the fall potato crop was 86 percent emerged. Sorghum was 89 percent planted, 45 percent emerged, and 1 percent headed by week's end. Farmers had 89 percent of the sunflowers planted.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 29, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	20	30	32	15	3
Last Year	3	5	19	51	22
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	6	32	45	16
Last Year	0	4	25	49	22
Spring Wheat					
This Week	2	9	34	41	14
Last Year	0	3	30	46	21

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated in mostly fair to poor condition. First cutting alfalfa was 87 percent complete, while second cutting was 6 percent. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle were rated just below average while sheep and stored feed supplies were rated at average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 29, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	19	27	36	15	3
Prev. Year - 2007	2	3	24	55	16
5-Year Avg.	9	16	31	36	8

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 29, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	79	60	94	92
Ripe	47	22	52	51
Harvested	9	1	13	17
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	61	34	63	76
Turning Color	4	3	11	10
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	42	21	54	70
Turning Color	3	2	7	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	1	0	1	1
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Emerged	89	80	97	95
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Emerged	86	65	96	93
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	89	78	99	97
Emerged	45	30	83	84
Headed	1	0	1	1
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	89	80	99	93
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	78	67	100	97
Emerged	50	40	71	82
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	87	79	90	85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	6	2	13	8

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	1	6	32	45	16
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	20	30	32	15	3
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	2	9	34	41	14
<b>Corn</b>	5	9	20	38	28
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	8	32	44	15
<b>Dry Onions</b>	4	4	29	47	16
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	10	30	50	10
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	5	32	50	13
<b>Dry Beans</b>	3	2	14	76	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	5	6	20	47	22
<b>Sorghum</b>	20	34	37	6	3
<b>Livestock</b>	1	8	30	50	11

<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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