



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures also averaged a little below normal. Fall potatoes, spring wheat, and spring barley were damaged from a hail storm on August 16<sup>th</sup> in the San Luis Valley. Producers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	25	61	9
Last Week	4	25	60	11
Last Year	15	39	43	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	37	41	1
Last Week	25	38	35	2
Last Year	12	39	46	3

**Small Grains:** Spring barley was 31 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat completed the turning color stage and was 30 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop was 60 percent at or beyond the dough stage and 26 percent dented with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 95 percent headed, 81 percent turning color, and 4 percent mature with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 24, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	7	19	22	39	13
Last Year	1	6	25	52	16
Spring Wheat					
This Week	8	22	24	36	10
Last Year	1	6	28	38	27

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 96 percent complete while third cutting was 29 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 24, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	15	28	38	17	2
Prev. Year - 2007	4	10	37	38	11
5-Year Avg.	11	22	37	25	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 24, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	31	25	62	58
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	30	20	36	49
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	60	48	67	54
Dent	26	12	22	19
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	7	2	8	7
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	95	85	92	82
Turning Color	81	70	32	20
Mature	4	1	7	2
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	91	85	97	95
Cut	3	0	3	3
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	96	89	98	92
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	29	18	27	27
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	15	7	18	25
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	9	0	0	0
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	11	5	17	25

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	7	19	22	39	13
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	8	22	24	36	10
<b>Corn</b>	7	14	34	34	11
<b>Alfalfa</b>	3	9	33	43	12
<b>Dry Onions</b>	3	5	26	55	11
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	8	8	15	53	16
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	8	9	33	42	8
<b>Dry Beans</b>	1	2	19	57	21
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	3	4	20	48	25
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	15	37	29	15
<b>Sorghum</b>	4	15	50	30	1
<b>Livestock</b>	0	7	21	65	7

<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.