



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado was exceptionally dry and warm again last week. Most areas did not receive any measurable amounts of rainfall. Temperatures were well-above normal for this time of year. These conditions allowed producers 6.4 days suitable for field operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	31	56	5
Last Week	7	30	59	4
Last Year	19	37	43	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	39	44	3
Last Week	14	38	45	3
Last Year	13	41	43	3

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat was 98 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was 88 percent seeded and 54 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop completed the dent stage. It was 77 percent mature and 26 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Eighty-two percent of the corn silage crop has been harvested. Sorghum was 78 percent mature and 18 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. The dry bean crop was 80 percent cut, 56 percent harvested, and in mostly good condition for the week. Dry onions were 78 percent harvested and the majority of the crop that is yet to be harvested is in good condition. Sugarbeets were 17 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop is 29 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Summer potatoes are 89 percent harvested while fall potatoes were 65 percent by week's end. Both potato crops are in mostly good condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 5, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	11	32	28	25
Last Year	2	4	17	55	22
Sorghum					
This Week	4	13	40	38	5
Last Year	0	0	21	66	13

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions rated in mostly fair to good condition. Third cutting alfalfa was 95 percent complete while fourth cutting was 27 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 5, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	8	19	43	25	5
Prev. Year - 2007	4	13	36	43	4
5-Year Avg.	10	23	38	26	3

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 5, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	98	95	100	100
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	88	76	79	89
Emerged	54	39	52	58
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	77	64	88	79
Harvested	26	16	25	16
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	82	71	96	93
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	78	71	74	57
Harvested	18	11	19	13
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	80	66	87	90
Harvested	56	36	67	66
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	95	85	97	91
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	27	17	32	35
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	78	65	81	87
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	17	9	18	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	29	18	43	24
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	65	50	56	65
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	89	75	77	87

### COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	0	35	54	11
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	7	32	37	23
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	4	27	51	18
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	8	8	15	53	16
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	9	9	21	42	19
<b>Dry Beans</b>	1	4	34	49	12
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	2	4	20	41	33
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	14	33	26	23
<b>Livestock</b>	0	6	19	66	9

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