



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado received minimal amounts of precipitation last week. Most areas across the State are well below average for this time of year. Temperatures were above average for the majority of last week. Producers were allowed 5.7 days suitable for field operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	30	54	7
Last Week	7	30	53	10
Last Year	23	39	37	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	37	40	9
Last Week	13	37	41	9
Last Year	14	45	40	1

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 99 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop was 82 percent harvested by week's end. Sorghum was 75 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to poor condition. The dry bean crop was 99 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 84 percent harvested which is behind last year and the five year average of 89 and 90 percent, respectively. The sunflower crop was 83 percent harvested by week's end.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 9, 2008

	Sorghum				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This Week	11	27	35	23	4
Last Year	0	1	25	63	11

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions dropped slightly due to the warm, dry weather last week. They are now rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Fourth cutting alfalfa harvest was 88 percent complete by week's end.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep increased slightly last week and were rated at average. Stored feed supplies continue to be rated slightly above average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 9, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	9	24	39	23	5
Prev. Year - 2007	5	12	41	39	3
5-Year Avg.	7	18	41	30	4

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 9, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Emerged	99	98	100	99
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	82	72	89	78
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Harvested	75	60	85	71
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	99	95	100	98
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	88	71	90	90
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	84	77	89	90
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	83	74	92	84

**COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	1	20	45	34
<b>Livestock</b>	0	6	20	62	12

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