



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The Front Range and eastern Colorado experienced over a half an inch of moisture above the average while the rest of the state experienced slightly below average. Temperatures were below average during the week for most the state. Scattered hail storms caused damage to crops in eastern Colorado. Farmers were able to work 4.2 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	9	65	26
Last Week	1	19	71	9
Last Year	21	38	40	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	22	65	7
Last Week	8	26	59	7
Last Year	26	40	33	1

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was reported as completely headed last week, with 28% turning color. The crop was also reported in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 5 percent headed by week's end and rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported as 2 percent headed with the rating of mostly good to excellent condition.

**Row Crops:** The 2009 corn crop progressed to 98 percent planted, 86 percent emerged and in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 53 percent planted, and 15 percent emerged. Dry onions are in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets had 99 percent of acreage up to stand. Summer potatoes were 86 percent planted and 55 percent emerged. Fall potato reported 41 percent emerged. Both groups of potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Farmers had 68 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end. Dry bean acreage was 70 percent planted with 38 percent emerged. Crop progress for row crops continues to lag behind the 5-year average due to lower than average temperatures and above average moisture.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 14, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	5	19	54	23
Last Year	19	8	34	15	4
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	16	43	41
Last Year	2	7	30	38	23
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	16	40	44
Last Year	1	11	27	36	25

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 35 percent of the first cutting complete, 22 points below the 5-year average, due to afternoon storms across Colorado during the past week.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 14, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	1	6	35	43	15
Prev. Year - 2008	33	22	29	14	2
5-Year Avg.	17	20	28	28	7

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 14, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	28	9	33	43
Ripe	2	N/A	6	7
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	5	1	14	21
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	2	0	3	16
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Up to Stand	99	97	90	96
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	86	76	99	97
Emerged	55	44	59	78
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Emerged	41	21	36	48
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	98	95	100	100
Emerged	87	76	97	97
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	53	36	52	71
Emerged	15	N/A	13	36
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	68	54	58	71
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	70	44	54	76
Emerged	38	13	29	42
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	35	19	48	57

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	3	16	52	29
<b>Corn</b>	1	5	15	53	26
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	1	5	68	26
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	0	90	10
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	6	70	63
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	14	69	15

<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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