



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The warm temperatures continued across Colorado last week. Most areas across the State reported average temperatures above normal for this time of year. This, along with an increase in moisture received, has led to the most favorable crop conditions in several years. Producers were allowed 5.7 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 1          | 9     | 78       | 12      |
| Last Week | 1          | 8     | 77       | 14      |
| Last Year | 25         | 38    | 37       | 0       |

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 3          | 19    | 70       | 8       |
| Last Week | 4          | 24    | 65       | 7       |
| Last Year | 34         | 42    | 24       | 0       |

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was reported at 93 percent turning color, 35 percent ripe, and 10 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 60 percent headed and 3 percent turning color by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported at 59 percent headed, 3 percent turning color, and also in mostly good to excellent condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn was 5 percent silked and in mostly good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was 88 percent planted, 72 percent emerged, 9 percent headed, and 1 percent turning color with the majority of the crop in good condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 96 percent emerged by week's end. Both summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Producers had 99 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end. Dry bean acreage was 97 percent planted, 79 percent emerged, and 1 percent flowered. The majority of the crop is in good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 5, 2009

|               | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat  |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 1         | 9    | 21   | 46   | 23        |
| Last Year     | 22        | 31   | 31   | 14   | 2         |
| Spring Barley |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 0         | 0    | 22   | 49   | 29        |
| Last Year     | 1         | 6    | 31   | 45   | 17        |
| Spring Wheat  |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 0         | 0    | 25   | 40   | 35        |
| Last Year     | 2         | 9    | 34   | 41   | 14        |

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado improved last week due to the warm, wet conditions. Currently, they are rated in mostly good to fair condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 89 percent of the first cutting complete and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting was 11 percent finished.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average last week. Stored feed supplies dropped slightly to just below average for this time of year. Livestock in Colorado is rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 5, 2009

|                      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2009 | 1         | 7    | 25   | 48   | 19        |
| Prev. Year - 2008    | 28        | 28   | 31   | 12   | 1         |
| 5-Year Avg.          | 14        | 19   | 31   | 28   | 8         |

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 5, 2009

| Item                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Winter Wheat</b>     |           |           |           |           |
| Turning Color           | 93        | 81        | 89        | 97        |
| Ripe                    | 35        | 13        | 62        | 74        |
| Harvested               | 10        | 3         | 15        | 34        |
| <b>Spring Barley</b>    |           |           |           |           |
| Headed                  | 60        | 34        | 78        | 86        |
| Turning Color           | 3         | 1         | 10        | 20        |
| <b>Spring Wheat</b>     |           |           |           |           |
| Headed                  | 59        | 31        | 63        | 77        |
| Turning Color           | 3         | 2         | 6         | 17        |
| <b>Summer Potatoes</b>  |           |           |           |           |
| Emerged                 | 96        | 84        | 95        | 98        |
| <b>Corn</b>             |           |           |           |           |
| Silked                  | 5         | 0         | 5         | 5         |
| <b>Sorghum</b>          |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 88        | 77        | 92        | 90        |
| Emerged                 | 72        | 58        | 63        | 87        |
| Headed                  | 9         | 1         | 9         | 5         |
| Turning Color           | 1         | 0         | 3         | 1         |
| <b>Sunflowers</b>       |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 99        | 94        | 94        | 96        |
| <b>Dry Beans</b>        |           |           |           |           |
| Planted                 | 97        | 89        | 84        | 97        |
| Emerged                 | 79        | 61        | 65        | 89        |
| Flowered                | 1         | 0         | 5         | 3         |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>          |           |           |           |           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting | 89        | 76        | 93        | 93        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting | 11        | 2         | 14        | 16        |

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

| Item                   | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b>Alfalfa</b>         | 0         | 2    | 18   | 56   | 24        |
| <b>Corn</b>            | 0         | 5    | 20   | 45   | 30        |
| <b>Sugarbeets</b>      | 0         | 1    | 13   | 55   | 31        |
| <b>Summer Potatoes</b> | 0         | 0    | 0    | 90   | 10        |
| <b>Fall Potatoes</b>   | 0         | 0    | 29   | 50   | 21        |
| <b>Sorghum</b>         | 0         | 0    | 24   | 66   | 10        |
| <b>Dry Beans</b>       | 0         | 0    | 6    | 81   | 13        |
| <b>Dry Onions</b>      | 0         | 1    | 6    | 68   | 25        |
| <b>Livestock</b>       | 0         | 2    | 12   | 70   | 16        |

<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.