



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: This week the State experienced dry conditions according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported above normal average temperatures for this time of year. This, along with the dry conditions, has led to a decrease in crop conditions, compared to weeks past. Producers were allowed 5.7 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	35	63	0
Last Week	1	17	70	12
Last Year	28	40	32	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	41	59	0
Last Week	4	25	65	6
Last Year	35	44	21	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat was reported completely turned color, 84 percent ripe, and 50 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 92 percent headed and 50 percent turning color by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported at 79 percent headed, 32 percent turning color, and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 28 percent silked and in mostly good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was reported 97 percent emerged, 18 percent headed, and 10 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 and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Dry bean acreage was completely emerged, and 30 percent flowered. The majority of the crop is in good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 19, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	14	24	50	10
Last Year	38	23	24	13	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	5	58	37
Last Year	1	6	30	46	17
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	20	60	20
Last Year	1	9	33	42	15

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained consistent with last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the first cutting complete and the 2nd cutting 30 percent finished.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated just above average for the first time last week. Sheep losses were average for this time of year. Stored feed supplies went above average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 19, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	1	5	18	70	6
Prev. Year - 2008	25	27	31	14	3
5-Year Avg.	14	20	36	26	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 19, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	84	67	96	98
Harvested	50	25	49	79
Spring Barley				
Headed	92	81	96	98
Turning Color	50	15	47	61
Spring Wheat				
Headed	79	68	89	95
Turning Color	32	7	36	49
Corn				
Silked	28	10	31	23
Sorghum				
Emerged	97	89	86	96
Headed	18	13	29	18
Turning Color	10	3	18	4
Dry Beans				
Flowered	30	10	30	26
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	30	15	40	42

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	10	33	49	7
Corn	2	2	12	69	15
Sugarbeets	0	1	3	77	19
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	80	20
Fall Potatoes	0	0	24	42	34
Sorghum	0	0	0	100	0
Dry Beans	0	1	6	78	15
Dry Onions	0	0	1	78	21
Livestock	0	1	4	94	1

1/ 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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