



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: This week parts of the State experienced high volume of rainfall while other parts of the state experienced no rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported below normal average temperatures for this time of year. Producers were allowed 5.6 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	20	70	6
Last Week	0	26	61	13
Last Year	29	43	28	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	35	61	1
Last Week	2	36	54	8
Last Year	39	44	17	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat is estimated to be 96 percent harvested. Spring barley is 86 percent turning color, and 14 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported at 98 percent headed, 64 percent turning color, 12 percent harvested and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 65 percent silked, 12 percent dough and in good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was reported to be 36 percent headed, and 22 percent turning color with the majority of the crop in good condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Dry bean acreage was 55 percent flowered, and in good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 2, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	15	50	33
Last Year	1	7	25	44	23
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	20	56	22
Last Year	1	10	31	43	15

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado declined in condition this week. Currently, they are rated in fair to good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the 2nd cutting 50 percent finished.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average again this week. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 2, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	10	26	42	18
Prev. Year - 2008	30	27	29	12	2
5-Year Avg.	16	22	34	25	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 2, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	96	70	98	99
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	86	65	86	89
Harvested	14	8	14	15
Spring Wheat				
Headed	98	90	100	100
Turning Color	64	44	64	80
Harvested	12	5	9	16
Corn				
Silked	65	38	77	65
Dough	12	5	14	11
Sorghum				
Headed	36	25	61	42
Turning Color	22	15	44	11
Dry Beans				
Flowered	55	45	70	60
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	50	40	77	72

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	18	59	18
Corn	0	0	18	60	22
Sugarbeets	0	3	14	70	13
Summer Potatoes	0	0	20	70	10
Fall Potatoes	0	2	24	42	32
Sorghum	0	6	14	60	20
Sunflowers	4	5	12	55	24
Dry Beans	0	0	16	66	18
Dry Onions	0	0	15	75	10
Livestock	0	0	14	78	8

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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