



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation across most of Colorado was below average for this time of year while temperatures were slightly above normal, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 6.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	33	57	4
Last Week	7	35	55	3
Last Year	5	23	63	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	38	52	5
Last Week	6	38	52	4
Last Year	14	39	42	5

Small Grains: Spring barley was 93 percent harvested by week's end, while spring wheat was reported at 55 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Both crops are currently behind their 5-year averages for harvest progress. The winter wheat crop was 26 percent seeded which is slightly behind the average.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Corn was 85 percent complete in the dough stage and 2 percent harvested this week. Sorghum turning color, matured, and harvested continue to progress ahead of the average. Dry onions, reported at 36 percent harvested, are 16 points behind their 5-year average. Summer potatoes harvested, reported at 30 percent, are 20 points behind the average. Harvesting of fall potatoes was 12 percent complete last week. Dry bean acreage was 30 percent cut with 15 percent of the crop harvested by week's end.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 13, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	3	10	25	47	15
Last Year	5	11	30	34	20
Sorghum					
This Week	0	3	22	65	10
Last Year	4	13	44	37	2

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in good condition for the week. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with third cutting alfalfa, at 42 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 23 percentage points.

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

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 13, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	10	34	44	8
Prev. Year - 2008	9	20	39	26	6
5-Year Avg.	9	20	37	29	5

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 13, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	93	83	96	95
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	55	48	56	81
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	26	12	31	27
Corn				
Dough	85	74	100	93
Dent	58	40	77	67
Mature	17	12	31	22
Harvested	2	N/A	2	1
Corn Silage				
Harvested	25	17	31	38
Sorghum				
Headed	95	91	100	98
Turning Color	68	60	95	62
Mature	32	23	38	24
Harvested	5	4	3	1
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	30	26	34	50
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	12	8	23	16
Dry Onions				
Harvested	36	31	43	52
Dry Beans				
Cut	30	20	28	40
Harvested	15	6	13	16
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	3	N/A	2	1
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	42	35	71	65

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	18	55	22
Spring Wheat	0	4	20	43	33
Spring Barley	2	3	21	45	29
Sugarbeets	0	1	13	63	23
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	93	7
Fall Potatoes	1	4	25	44	26
Sunflowers	3	4	26	46	21
Dry Beans	0	1	30	61	8
Dry Onions	2	3	6	68	21
Livestock	0	2	12	74	12

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