



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation across most of Colorado was below average for this time of year, although the Southern region and the Western Slope recorded above average amounts of moisture. Temperatures were slightly above normal, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 5.7 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	42	50	4
Last Week	6	33	57	4
Last Year	4	25	62	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	36	54	6
Last Week	5	38	52	5
Last Year	14	35	46	5

Small Grains: Spring barley has nearly completed the harvesting stage, while spring wheat was reported at 60 percent harvested, 31 percentage points behind the 5-year average. The winter wheat crop was 50 percent seeded which is slightly behind the average. The crop was 10 percent emerged by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Corn was 4 percent harvested this week, one percentage point above the average, while sorghum was 6 percent harvested, 3 points ahead of the average. Dry onions, reported at 42 percent harvested, are 22 points behind their 5-year average. Harvesting of fall potatoes was 30 percent complete last week, one point above the average. Dry bean acreage was 56 percent cut with 33 percent of the crop harvested by week's end. Sunflower harvesting has begun and is currently 5 percent complete.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 20, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	3	14	32	40	11
Last Year	5	11	30	32	22
Sorghum					
This Week	1	5	34	55	5
Last Year	4	14	43	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 fourth cutting alfalfa, at 5 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 9 percentage points.

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

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 20, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	5	15	28	42	10
Prev. Year - 2008	6	17	52	19	6
5-Year Avg.	7	20	41	28	4

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 20, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	97	93	100	99
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	60	55	79	91
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	50	26	55	52
Emerged	10	N/A	15	15
Corn				
Dough	94	85	100	98
Dent	77	58	92	84
Mature	31	17	49	39
Harvested	4	2	6	3
Corn Silage				
Harvested	40	25	53	59
Sorghum				
Turning Color	90	68	99	74
Mature	42	32	53	36
Harvested	6	5	6	3
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	45	30	60	64
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	30	12	33	29
Dry Onions				
Harvested	42	36	54	64
Dry Beans				
Cut	56	30	46	61
Harvested	33	15	21	32
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	13	3	4	3
Sunflowers				
Harvested	5	N/A	10	8
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	52	42	77	76
4 th Cutting	5	N/A	9	14

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	3	14	50	33
Sugarbeets	0	2	14	58	26
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	85	15
Fall Potatoes	0	0	20	40	40
Sunflowers	2	3	35	45	15
Dry Beans	0	9	30	56	5
Dry Onions	1	3	5	69	22
Livestock	0	2	13	74	11

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