



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation varied across Colorado last week with the Southern Region and Denver areas receiving above average amounts and Colorado Springs and the Western Slope receiving below normal totals. Temperatures were about 5 degrees below average, 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	20	73	3
Last Week	4	42	50	4
Last Year	7	29	59	5

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	32	58	5
Last Week	4	36	54	6
Last Year	14	37	45	4

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat was reported at 75 percent harvested, 22 percentage points behind the 5-year average. The winter wheat crop progressed to 69 percent seeded and 30 percent emerged by the end of the week, slightly behind the 5-year average.

**Row Crops:** Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition but most still lag behind their 5-year averages. Sorghum, which continues to progress ahead of the average, was 10 percent harvested by the end of the week. Corn was also 10 percent harvested this week, two percentage points above the average. Dry onions, reported at 60 percent harvested, are 14 points behind their 5-year average.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 27, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	3	11	26	46	14
Last Year	4	11	31	29	25
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	31	60	6
Last Year	5	13	40	37	5

**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 9 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 14 percentage points.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 27, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	5	12	33	38	12
Prev. Year - 2008	6	17	50	22	5
5-Year Avg.	7	20	41	28	4

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 27, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	99	97	100	100
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	75	60	93	97
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	69	50	73	74
Emerged	30	10	36	34
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	98	94	100	99
Dent	87	77	98	94
Mature	43	31	62	55
Harvested	10	4	15	8
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	65	40	69	76
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	95	90	100	83
Mature	58	42	69	46
Harvested	10	6	10	7
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	58	45	73	74
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	50	30	48	43
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	60	42	64	74
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	63	56	64	76
Harvested	40	33	34	47
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	25	13	8	8
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	12	5	17	15
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	66	52	84	85
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	9	5	16	23

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	6	16	52	25
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	19	56	22
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	0	85	15
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	2	3	15	40	40
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	4	28	44	20
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	15	30	50	5
<b>Dry Onions</b>	4	7	9	60	20
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	15	67	15

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