



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation and temperatures across most of Colorado were below average, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Harvest of late season crops continues at an average pace. These conditions allowed producers 6.0 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	24	68	6
Last Week	2	27	66	5
Last Year	6	27	59	8

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	34	58	5
Last Week	3	36	57	4
Last Year	11	38	43	8

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat harvest was virtually complete last week. The winter wheat crop progressed to 95 percent seeded and 74 percent emerged by the end of the week, 12 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

**Row Crops:** Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Sorghum progressed to 25 percent harvested, slightly behind the average. Corn was 34 percent harvested this week, 9 points behind last year but the same as the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 37 percent harvested, are 11 points behind their 5-year average. Dry bean harvest increased to 81 percent complete, the same as the average, while sugarbeets were 63 percent harvested, 25 percentage points ahead of the average.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 18, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	12	23	48	15
Last Year	4	9	31	30	26
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	20	64	13
Last Year	12	27	33	23	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 40 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 15 percentage points.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 18, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	5	14	30	40	11
Prev. Year - 2008	8	20	41	26	5
5-Year Avg.	7	20	40	29	4

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 18, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	95	92	99	98
Emerged	74	64	85	86
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	90	79	96	96
Harvested	34	28	43	34
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	96	93	96	98
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	80	75	94	79
Harvested	25	21	37	27
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	99	93	98	96
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	94	85	92	91
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	96	94	97	96
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	97	90	93	96
Harvested	81	69	78	81
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	63	49	40	38
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	37	30	49	48
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	93	88	99	99
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	40	28	53	55

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	5	21	50	23
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	3	24	49	24
<b>Sunflowers</b>	2	3	25	49	21
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	14	70	13

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