



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: An early snowstorm that covered most of State brought harvesting crops to a halt this past week. Precipitation was above normal while temperatures were about 9 degrees below normal, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 2.9 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	6	76	18
Last Week	2	24	66	8
Last Year	7	30	53	10

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	21	71	5
Last Week	5	30	60	5
Last Year	13	37	41	9

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 99 percent seeded and 86 percent emerged by the end of the week, 12 percentage points behind the 5-year average. The crop benefitted from the moisture received from the storm.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Sorghum progressed to 38 percent harvested, 12 points behind the average. Corn was 47 percent harvested this week, 11 points behind the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 50 percent harvested, are 21 points behind the average. Dry bean harvest increased to 94 percent complete, one point behind the 5-year average, while sugarbeets were 89 percent harvested, 16 percentage points ahead of the average.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 1, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	5	15	20	48	12
Last Year	4	11	32	28	25
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	19	65	13
Last Year	10	26	33	27	4

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in good condition for the week. The alfalfa crop was rated in mostly good condition with fourth cutting 52 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 23 percentage points.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition. 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 November 1, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	13	33	43	7
Prev. Year - 2008	7	21	40	28	4
5-Year Avg.	7	18	41	30	4

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 1, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	99	98	100	100
Emerged	86	83	98	98
Corn				
Mature	98	95	100	100
Harvested	47	43	70	58
Sorghum				
Mature	95	90	99	97
Harvested	38	30	58	50
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	99	97	100	100
Dry Beans				
Harvested	94	88	94	95
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	89	77	75	73
Sunflowers				
Harvested	50	45	72	71
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	98	96	100	100
4 th Cutting	52	48	70	75

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	18	49	27
Livestock	0	2	17	70	11

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