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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was well below normal while temperatures were about 7 degrees above the average, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 6.0 days in the field. However, harvest progress of late season crops fell further behind the average due to the snow received during the last week of October.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	7	79	14
Last Week	0	6	76	18
Last Year	9	30	54	7

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	19	74	5
Last Week	3	21	71	5
Last Year	14	37	40	9

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 89 percent emerged by the end of the week, 11 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Sorghum progressed to 44 percent harvested, 23 points behind the average. Corn was 54 percent harvested this week, 19 points behind the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 60 percent harvested, are 21 points behind the average. Dry bean harvest increased to 96 percent complete, 2 points behind the 5-year average, while sugarbeets were 95 percent harvested, 9 percentage points ahead of the average.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 8, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	20	64	13
Last Year	11	27	35	24	3

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 60 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 25 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 8, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	12	33	42	9
Prev. Year - 2008	9	23	39	24	5
5-Year Avg.	7	18	41	30	4

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 8, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	99	99	100	100
Emerged	89	86	99	100
Corn				
Mature	99	98	100	100
Harvested	54	47	81	73
Sorghum				
Mature	98	95	100	99
Harvested	44	38	73	67
Dry Beans				
Harvested	96	94	98	98
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	95	89	83	86
Sunflowers				
Harvested	60	50	82	81
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	60	52	86	85

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	7	18	47	28
Livestock	0	3	23	63	11

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