



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of the state received moisture near the end of the week due to a snowstorm, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 5.4 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	13	75	12
Last Week	0	7	79	14
Last Year	6	26	67	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	21	72	6
Last Week	2	19	74	5
Last Year	12	32	51	5

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat progressed to 94 percent emerged by the end of the week, 6 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

**Row Crops:** Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition, however, harvest of these crops still falls behind the average due to excess moisture. Sorghum progressed to 54 percent harvested, well behind the average of 79 percent. Corn was 64 percent harvested this week, 22 points behind the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 65 percent harvested, are 25 points behind the average. Dry bean harvest increased to 98 percent complete, while sugarbeets were 96 percent harvested, 1 percentage point ahead of the average.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 15, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	3	4	24	55	14
Last Year	11	21	46	20	2

**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 the fourth cutting 63 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 32 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 15, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	3	20	32	37	8
Prev. Year - 2008	4	12	33	42	9
5-Year Avg.	5	21	43	26	5

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 15, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	99	99	100	100
Emerged	94	89	99	100
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	64	54	89	86
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Harvested	54	44	81	79
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	98	96	99	99
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	96	95	91	95
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	65	60	89	90
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	63	60	94	95

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	5	17	53	25
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	19	69	9

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