



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Sunny and dry weather brought higher than normal temperatures across Colorado. Producers experienced less than average precipitation for the week. These conditions allowed farmers 6.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	12	83	2
Last Week	3	13	82	2
Last Year	2	32	64	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	14	82	1
Last Week	3	15	81	1
Last Year	1	38	60	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest is progressing rapidly with 90 percent ripe and 60 percent harvested by the end of the week. This remains behind the 5-year average, but the crop continues to be rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley had 47 percent turning color with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 91 percent headed with 34 percent turning color by week's end. The crop remained in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 11 percent silked by the end of the week compared with 23 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 13 percent headed, 6 percent below the 5-year average. Five percent of sorghum had turned color with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending July 18 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	5	18	60	15
Last Year	2	13	24	50	11
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	21	62	15
Last Year	0	0	7	57	36
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	3	28	58	11
Last Year	0	0	20	57	23

Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Dry beans are 48 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 27 percent, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained consistent with last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good to fair condition. The second cutting of alfalfa continues with 42 percent complete compared with 40 percent for the 5-year average. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good condition due to the high temperatures and limited precipitation received last week.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending July 18 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-lent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	5	30	53	11
Prev. Year - 2009	1	5	19	67	8
5-Year Avg.	14	17	30	34	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 18 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	90	79	82	94
Harvested	60	41	46	71
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	47	34	45	51
Spring Wheat				
Headed	91	88	77	89
Turning Color	34	21	28	38
Corn				
Silked	11	6	25	23
Sorghum				
Headed	13	7	17	19
Coloring	5	1	9	5
Dry Beans				
Flowered	48	19	27	27
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	42	23	28	40

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	10	78	11
Corn	0	1	10	67	22
Sorghum	0	3	24	71	2
Dry Onions	1	1	13	80	5
Dry Beans	3	3	43	46	5
Alfalfa	1	3	24	60	12
Sugarbeets	0	2	7	83	8
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	91	9
Fall Potatoes	0	2	27	60	11
Sunflowers	1	4	31	61	3

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

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