



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced above average temperatures with little to no precipitation according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 6.9 days in the field with these conditions.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	43	20	0
Last Week	26	48	26	0
Last Year	4	41	51	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	38	50	2
Last Week	12	42	45	1
Last Year	4	36	54	6

Small Grains: Spring barley progressed to 97 percent harvested. Spring wheat was 87 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was reported at 40 percent seeded.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 93 percent dented and 32 percent mature with 3 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 75 percent complete. Sorghum was 95 percent turning color with 30 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 57 percent harvested by week's end. Summer potatoes were 50 percent harvested with the crop reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were 32 percent harvested and reported in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 1 percent harvested and were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 60 percent cut with 30 percent harvested at the end of the week. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending September 19, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	4	19	63	14
Last Year	3	13	31	41	12
Sorghum					
This Week	1	5	27	59	8
Last Year	1	5	32	56	6

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado reduced slightly last week with the hot and dry weather but remained in mostly good to fair condition. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 74 percent complete and the fourth cutting was reported at 18 percent harvested. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

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 September 19, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	17	45	36	1
Prev. Year - 2009	5	14	29	42	10
5-Year Avg.	8	18	39	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 19, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	40	16	47	46
Spring Barley				
Harvested	97	93	96	98
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	87	74	59	83
Corn				
Dent	93	70	74	82
Mature	32	10	29	39
Harvested	3	---	4	4
Corn Silage				
Harvested	75	41	38	56
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	70	87	80
Mature	30	20	41	40
Harvested	---	---	6	4
Dry Onions				
Harvested	57	47	41	57
Dry Beans				
Cut	60	38	52	56
Harvested	30	20	30	31
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	74	70	51	72
4 th Cutting	18	N/A	4	12
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	50	35	43	57
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	32	17	27	27
Sunflowers				
Harvested	---	N/A	4	6
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	1	N/A	12	4

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	14	75	10
Dry Beans	2	2	41	50	5
Alfalfa	0	5	27	53	15
Sugarbeets	0	3	9	70	18
Summer Potatoes	0	2	8	77	13
Fall Potatoes	0	2	17	61	20
Sunflowers	1	3	35	50	11

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