



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced above average temperatures according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Some precipitation was welcomed on the West Slope and San Luis Valley while the rest of Colorado received less than average precipitation last week. Producers were allowed 6.1 days in the field with these conditions.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	45	26	0
Last Week	33	42	25	0
Last Year	2	24	66	8

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	37	48	0
Last Week	14	40	46	0
Last Year	11	36	49	4

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 89 percent emerged by week's end, on pace with the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest progressed to 68 percent complete by the end of the week. Sorghum was 45 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 69 percent harvested and dry onions were 97 percent harvested by week's end. Fall potatoes progressed to 99 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 70 percent harvested. Dry beans reached 97 percent harvested at the end of the week.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending October 24, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	3	5	29	47	16
Last Year	1	2	19	65	13

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were reported in mostly fair to good condition. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was reported at 93 percent harvested by week's end.

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

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending October 24, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	2	20	47	29	2
Prev. Year - 2009	3	13	30	44	10
5-Year Avg.	7	18	37	33	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 24, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Emerged	89	73	82	89
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	68	53	42	45
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Harvested	45	26	29	35
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	97	92	99	99
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	97	92	87	89
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	93	68	47	61
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	99	92	97	97
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	69	65	44	57
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	70	44	75	57

### COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	22	62	14
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	3	18	48	28	3

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