



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Winter arrived for most of Colorado with cooler temperatures and hard frosts in some areas according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. The western half of the State had some measurable precipitation while the rest of Colorado received less than average precipitation last week. Producers were allowed 6.2 days in the field with these conditions.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	36	42	22	0
Last Week	29	45	26	0
Last Year	0	9	75	16

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	44	39	0
Last Week	15	37	48	0
Last Year	3	23	69	5

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 91 percent emerged by week's end, 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition with some reports stating concern for the lack of precipitation.

Row Crops: Corn harvest progressed to 83 percent complete by the end of the week compared to the 57 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum was 68 percent harvested 21 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average due to the dry weather conditions. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 72 percent harvested 4 percent ahead of the 5-year average by week's end. Sugarbeets were 88 percent harvested.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending October 31, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	3	5	25	49	18
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 94 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 31, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	2	22	48	26	2
Prev. Year - 2009	4	13	33	43	7
5-Year Avg.	7	18	37	33	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 31, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	89	86	95
Corn Harvested	83	68	47	57
Sorghum Harvested	68	45	37	47
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	94	93	51	70
Sunflowers Harvested	72	69	49	68
Sugarbeets Harvested	88	70	87	73

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	20	69	10
Winter Wheat	4	21	45	29	1

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