



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received some precipitation last week in the form of scattered showers and thunderstorms in many areas of the Eastern Plains and Front Range. Temperatures were typical across the State. Sporadic precipitation came with some hail and strong winds. Farmers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	26	63	5
Last Week	10	36	53	1
Last Year	5	15	78	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	22	61	2
Last Week	14	28	58	0
Last Year	3	17	79	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 97 percent turning color, 61 percent ripe and 35 percent harvested at the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition after reports of hail affecting additional acreage in the eastern regions of the State. Spring barley was 87 percent headed and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 80 percent headed and rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 4 percent silked by the end of the week. Sorghum was 95 percent emerged with 7 percent headed and rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets and onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sunflowers were rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans reached 85 percent emerged and rated in fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 10, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	12	16	35	31	6
Last Year	2	5	17	61	15
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	44	46	8
Last Year	0	2	21	64	13
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	7	45	39	9
Last Year	0	3	29	58	10

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable and were rated in poor to good condition across the State. Alfalfa cuttings progressed to 94 percent of the 1st cutting complete and 17 percent of the 2nd cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Producers in the southeastern region have started to reduce their herd numbers due to the declining range conditions and limited feed supplies.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 10, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	16	20	23	28	13
Prev. Year - 2010	1	5	29	55	10
5-Year Avg.	11	15	29	36	9

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 10, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	97	79	98	98
Ripe	61	34	74	80
Harvested	35	21	38	44
Spring Barley				
Headed	87	72	93	87
Turning Color	23	N/A	32	26
Spring Wheat				
Headed	80	63	86	78
Turning Color	12	N/A	20	19
Corn				
Silked	4	N/A	5	9
Sorghum				
Emerged	95	68	99	89
Headed	7	2	6	11
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	94	91	96	96
2 nd Cutting	17	4	21	23
Dry Beans				
Emerged	85	76	100	91

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	20	70	8
Corn	0	3	21	67	9
Sorghum	8	20	53	18	1
Dry Onions	1	2	19	67	11
Alfalfa	1	8	26	51	14
Sunflowers	3	9	33	53	2
Dry Beans	0	5	58	32	5
Sugarbeets	0	2	20	63	15
Fall Potatoes	1	5	51	36	7
Summer Potatoes	0	5	40	45	10

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