



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced very warm temperatures but received below average precipitation again last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated thunderstorms. The warmer weather continued to boost crop progress in the most of the State. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	30	55	3
Last Week	11	31	54	4
Last Year	4	29	64	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	27	57	2
Last Week	15	24	58	3
Last Year	4	30	65	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest was winding down with 96 percent complete at the end of last week. Spring barley was 76 percent turning color and harvest was reported at 16 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 52 percent turning color with 4 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 50 percent silked by the end of the week and 1 percent in the dough stage. Sorghum was 33 percent headed and 8 percent turning color with condition 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 were 45 percent flowered and rated in fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 31, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	45	42	11
Last Year	0	1	21	66	12
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	15	50	29	6
Last Year	1	2	27	52	18

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed condition is quite variable across the state and rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa harvest progressed to 71 percent of the 2nd cutting and 3 percent of the 3rd cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair 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.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 31, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	27	10	21	32	10
Prev. Year - 2010	1	8	40	42	9
5-Year Avg.	14	17	32	30	7

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 31, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	96	80	96	96
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	76	62	69	82
Harvested	16	11	7	11
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	52	44	58	67
Harvested	4	1	6	9
Corn				
Silked	50	18	71	65
Dough	1	N/A	4	9
Sorghum				
Headed	33	24	35	41
Turning Color	8	N/A	16	16
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	71	54	73	68
3 rd Cutting	3	N/A	2	2
Dry Beans				
Flowered	45	25	69	65

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	16	64	19
Corn	1	5	26	58	10
Sorghum	6	16	50	26	2
Dry Onions	0	0	14	65	21
Alfalfa	1	13	27	47	12
Sunflowers	3	5	32	54	6
Dry Beans	3	0	63	28	6
Sugarbeets	0	0	29	58	13
Fall Potatoes	1	5	45	43	6
Summer Potatoes	2	2	43	46	7

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