



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced average temperatures and most of the State received average precipitation last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated thunderstorms. The warmer weather continued to boost crop progress in most of the State. Grasshopper infestations were reported in the northeastern regions of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.2 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	30	55	4
Last Week	12	30	55	3
Last Year	5	25	66	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	30	50	3
Last Week	14	27	57	2
Last Year	4	28	66	2

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest was 98 percent complete at the end of the week. Spring barley was 87 percent turning color with 20 percent of harvest complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 80 percent turning color with 8 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 80 percent silked by the end of the week and 10 percent in the dough stage. Sorghum was 40 percent headed and 15 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 55 percent flowered and rated in fair to good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 7, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	40	50	8
Last Year	0	2	23	63	12
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	17	48	30	5
Last Year	0	2	30	55	13

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable across the state and rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa harvest progressed to 75 percent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting and 6 percent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Cattle liquidations continue to be reported in the southern regions of the State due to drought conditions.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 7, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	21	17	21	31	10
Prev. Year - 2010	0	5	36	52	7
5-Year Avg.	12	17	33	31	7

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 7, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	98	96	99	100
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	87	76	84	94
Harvested	20	16	18	21
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	80	52	74	83
Harvested	8	4	10	16
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	80	50	94	87
Dough	10	1	18	20
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	40	33	60	56
Turning Color	15	8	21	24
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	75	71	83	78
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	6	3	5	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	55	45	86	79

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	18	65	15
<b>Corn</b>	4	4	24	52	16
<b>Sorghum</b>	5	14	44	36	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	1	17	67	14
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	9	30	49	12
<b>Sunflowers</b>	2	4	33	55	6
<b>Dry Beans</b>	3	2	53	37	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	1	28	59	11
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	1	5	42	45	7
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	2	2	46	44	6

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