



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced above average temperatures and below average precipitation again last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated thunderstorms with hail causing some reported crop damage in the northeastern region. Above average amounts of rain were also received in the San Luis Valley slowing the harvest of small grains, hay and potatoes. Reports of grasshopper infestations causing crop damage were reported in the northeast region of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	42	35	1
Last Week	13	38	48	1
Last Year	6	33	60	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	39	39	1
Last Week	14	34	51	1
Last Year	6	29	65	0

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest for 2011 has finished as of last week. Spring barley had 64 percent of harvest complete with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 35 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 63 percent at or beyond the dough stage and 13 percent dented. Sorghum was 80 percent headed and 34 percent turning color with 5 percent of the crop rated mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest was 29 percent complete and the crop rated in good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were rated in good to fair condition with 32 percent harvested at the end of last week. Fall potato harvest was 17 percent complete and the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in good condition. Dry beans were 98 percent flowered and 2 percent cut. The crop was rated in fair to good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 28, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	47	42	9
Last Year	0	2	15	68	15
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	4	57	32	7
Last Year	0	2	26	61	11

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable across the state and rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa harvest continued with 40 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 with some shortages reported in the southern regions due to increased hay sales. Cattle liquidations continue to be reported in the southern regions of the State due to drought conditions and high feed costs.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 28, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	18	17	28	27	10
Prev. Year - 2010	0	8	34	51	7
5-Year Avg.	7	16	36	35	6

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 28, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	100	99	100	100
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	64	44	56	59
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	35	18	30	39
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	63	40	84	73
Dent	13	4	27	29
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	1	N/A	5	11
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	80	69	98	92
Turning Color	34	27	47	51
Mature	5	2	5	9
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	40	31	46	34
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	98	80	97	98
Cut	2	N/A	5	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	29	13	19	23
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	32	25	17	21
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	17	10	2	3

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	22	60	16
<b>Corn</b>	2	10	26	49	13
<b>Sorghum</b>	4	13	56	25	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	2	20	63	14
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	12	29	47	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	8	36	45	8
<b>Dry Beans</b>	2	5	49	41	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	2	32	50	15
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	1	5	40	48	6
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	3	6	42	49	0

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