



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and above average temperatures again last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated showers affecting the small grain, hay and potato harvest in the San Luis Valley. Reports of grasshopper infestations causing crop damage were reported in the northeast region of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	44	29	0
Last Week	22	42	35	1
Last Year	16	46	38	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	41	37	0
Last Week	21	39	39	1
Last Year	9	35	55	1

**Small Grains:** Spring barley had 81 percent of harvest complete. Spring wheat was 53 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 87 percent at or beyond the dough stage, 40 percent dented and 2 percent mature. Sorghum was 90 percent headed and 43 percent turning color with 11 percent of the crop rated mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest was 34 percent complete and the crop rated in good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were rated in fair to good condition with 37 percent harvested at the end of last week. Fall potato harvest was 5 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in good condition. Dry beans were 11 percent cut and rated in fair to good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 4, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	4	50	36	10
Last Year	1	3	18	69	9

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 4, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	3	11	23	48	15
Last Year	0	2	11	67	20
Sorghum					
This Week	6	19	45	28	2
Last Year	0	1	20	55	24

**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 55 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.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 4, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	18	18	32	26	6
Prev. Year - 2010	0	6	38	50	6
5-Year Avg.	7	15	36	36	6

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 4, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	81	64	72	78
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	53	35	46	53
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	87	63	96	86
Dent	40	13	51	45
Mature	2	0	3	7
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	10	1	13	18
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	90	80	99	96
Turning Color	43	34	54	57
Mature	11	5	11	14
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	55	40	54	45
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	11	2	18	18
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	34	29	34	33
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	37	32	24	29
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	5	3*	6	6

\*Revised

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	20	61	17
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	17	64	18
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	6	31	48	14
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	9	34	46	8
<b>Dry Beans</b>	3	6	51	33	7
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	3	31	47	18
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	2	8	40	40	10
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	4	6	45	44	1

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