



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and below average temperatures last week. Some moisture was received in the San Luis Valley and small amounts fell on the Western Slope. Most areas continue to report that dry conditions persist. Farmers were allowed 5.7 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	37	28	2
Last Week	27	44	29	0
Last Year	13	35	49	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	36	35	3
Last Week	22	41	37	0
Last Year	15	40	43	2

**Small Grains:** Even with the dry conditions, producers had 17 percent of the 2012 winter wheat acreage seeded by week's end which is right on pace with the 5-year average. Spring barley was 93 percent harvested while 71 percent of the spring wheat acreage was harvested by the end of last week.

**Row Crops:** Corn was rated in mostly good to fair condition with 98 percent at or beyond the dough stage, 66 percent dented and 7 percent mature. Sorghum was 94 percent headed and 60 percent turning color with 16 percent of the crop mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Onion harvest was 45 percent complete with the crop rated in good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Summer potatoes were also rated in good to fair condition with 47 percent harvested at the end of last week. Fall potato harvest was 12 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in fair to good condition along with dry beans, now at 34 percent cut and 8 percent harvested.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 11, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	7	10	27	44	12
Last Year	1	3	17	62	17
Sorghum					
This Week	15	17	42	25	1
Last Year	2	7	24	51	16

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions across the state continue to be rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa's 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting progress was reported at 62 percent complete by week's end. 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 September 11, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	25	17	28	22	8
Prev. Year - 2010	1	10	43	44	2
5-Year Avg.	6	16	38	35	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 11, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	17	N/A	14	17
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	71	53	70	69
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	93	81	90	93
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	98	87	99	92
Dent	66	40	68	64
Mature	7	2	9	17
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	29	10	37	34
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	94	90	100	98
Turning Color	60	43	68	67
Mature	16	11	19	24
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	62	55	68	59
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	34	11	35	32
Harvested	8	N/A	17	14
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	45	34	45	42
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	47	37	34	37
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	12	5	16	13

### COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	19	66	13
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	17	72	11
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	10	30	48	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	6	15	33	42	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>	6	4	46	36	8
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	3	31	47	18
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	4	36	50	10
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	8	2	36	46	8

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