



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced above average precipitation and below average temperatures last week. The increased rainfall hindered the harvest of small grains and row crops and the planting of winter wheat. Farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	37	43	3
Last Week	33	37	28	2
Last Year	35	44	21	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	37	40	3
Last Week	26	36	35	3
Last Year	10	39	49	2

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat progressed to 28 percent complete with 4 percent emerged. Spring barley was 98 percent harvested while 80 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 84 percent dented and 18 percent mature. Sorghum was 97 percent headed and 75 percent turning color with 25 percent of the crop mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest was 54 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 60 percent harvested, 9 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Fall potato harvest was 20 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers harvest began with 1 percent harvested and the crop was rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were rated in fair to good condition with 47 percent cut and 23 percent harvested.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 18, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	10	35	36	9
Last Year	0	4	19	63	14
Sorghum					
This Week	12	15	51	22	0
Last Year	1	5	27	58	9

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions across the state continue to be rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa's 3rd cutting progress was reported at 75 percent complete with 4 percent of the 4th cutting 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 18, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	17	20	30	26	7
Prev. Year - 2010	1	16	45	37	1
5-Year Avg.	6	16	40	33	5

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 18, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	28	17	37	39
Emerged	4	N/A	0	7
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	80	71	85	81
Spring Barley				
Harvested	98	93	96	98
Corn				
Dent	84	66	90	84
Mature	18	7	29	36
Corn Silage				
Harvested	46	29	70	57
Sorghum				
Headed	97	94	100	100
Turning Color	75	60	91	84
Mature	25	16	29	39
Sunflowers				
Harvested	1	N/A	0	5
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	75	62	73	71
4 th Cutting	4	N/A	15	11
Dry Beans				
Cut	47	34	57	53
Harvested	23	8	29	28
Dry Onions				
Harvested	54	45	56	53
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	60	47	48	51
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	20	12	30	26

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	24	61	12
Dry Onions	1	1	19	66	13
Alfalfa	0	4	32	50	14
Sunflowers	6	14	37	40	3
Dry Beans	6	4	46	37	7
Sugarbeets	1	3	33	50	13
Fall Potatoes	0	0	40	60	0
Summer Potatoes	1	8	29	52	10

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