



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and average temperatures last week. The rainfall that was received in the Northeast area of the State and the San Luis Valley came in the form of scattered showers. Farmers were allowed 6.4 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	29	48	2
Last Week	17	37	43	3
Last Year	28	44	28	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	33	42	2
Last Week	20	37	40	3
Last Year	14	39	46	1

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat rapidly progressed to 54 percent complete with the warmer weather. The crop was 18 percent emerged by the end of last week as well. Spring wheat was 86 percent harvested.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good to fair condition with 96 percent dented, 31 percent mature and 1 percent harvested. Sorghum was 98 percent headed and 80 percent turning color with 30 percent of the crop mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest was 71 percent complete by the end of last week. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition with 2 percent harvested. Summer potatoes had 82 percent harvested, 23 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Fall potato harvest was 33 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 7 percent harvested and the crop was rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were rated in fair to good condition with 73 percent cut and 43 percent harvested.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 25, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	5	10	34	40	11
Last Year	1	3	18	65	13
Sorghum					
This Week	6	19	57	18	0
Last Year	2	4	18	64	12

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 85 percent complete with 16 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 25, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	20	20	29	23	8
Prev. Year - 2010	1	26	41	30	2
5-Year Avg.	5	19	40	30	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 25, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	54	28	61	64
Emerged	18	4	22	24
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	86	80	97	90
Corn				
Dent	96	84	96	93
Mature	31	18	52	54
Harvested	1	0	8	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	78	46	88	76
Sorghum				
Headed	98	97	100	100
Turning Color	80	75	99	93
Mature	30	25	39	51
Sunflowers				
Harvested	7	1	4	13
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	2	N/A	11	10
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	85	75	84	80
4 th Cutting	16	4	26	18
Dry Beans				
Cut	73	47	77	69
Harvested	43	23	47	44
Dry Onions				
Harvested	71	54	72	66
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	82	60	67	65
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	33	20	50	42

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	25	60	13
Alfalfa	1	8	37	43	11
Sunflowers	2	12	38	42	6
Dry Beans	6	4	46	36	8
Sugarbeets	1	2	30	52	15
Fall Potatoes	0	0	36	64	0

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