



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and above average temperatures last week. This resulted in favorable harvest conditions in much of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.9 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	30	46	2
Last Week	21	29	48	2
Last Year	33	42	25	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	33	43	2
Last Week	23	33	42	2
Last Year	16	40	43	1

**Small Grains:** Planting of winter wheat rapidly progressed to 81 percent complete thanks to the dry and warm weather. The crop was 40 percent emerged by the end of last week. Spring wheat was 92 percent harvested.

**Row Crops:** Corn continued to be rated in mostly good to fair condition with 66 percent mature and 5 percent harvested behind the 5-year averages of 72 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Corn silage was 90 percent harvested at week's end. Sorghum was 90 percent turning color with 40 percent of the crop mature. Growers started harvesting grain sorghum last week and ended up with 1 percent complete compared with the 5-year average of 10 percent harvested by this time. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest continued with 82 percent complete by the end of last week. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition with 8 percent harvested, behind the typical pace of 17 percent harvested due to delays in planting this year. Summer potatoes were 93 percent harvested, 12 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Fall potato harvest was 45 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 17 percent harvested with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were rated in fair to good condition with 85 percent cut and 61 percent harvested.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 2, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	8	31	45	12
Last Year	0	6	23	56	15
Sorghum					
This Week	12	21	54	12	1
Last Year	1	5	25	61	8

**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 90 percent complete with 30 percent of the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting complete by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were 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 October 2, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	18	20	29	25	8
Prev. Year - 2010	1	21	45	32	1
5-Year Avg.	6	18	40	31	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 2, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	81	54	86	81
Emerging	40	18	42	45
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	92	86	99	96
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	66	31	76	72
Harvested	5	1	18	17
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	90	78	94	88
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	90	80	100	97
Mature	40	30	61	64
Harvested	1	N/A	4	10
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	17	7	21	24
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	8	2	18	17
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	90	85	91	88
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	30	16	39	27
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	85	73	91	83
Harvested	61	43	71	61
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	82	71	84	80
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	93	82	91	81
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	45	33	69	59

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	25	57	16
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	5	33	48	13
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	14	35	41	6
<b>Dry Beans</b>	6	4	46	37	7
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	2	31	51	15
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	0	31	65	4

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