



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and average temperatures last week. Any precipitation was in the form of scattered rain showers and was received in the northeastern region of the State along with high winds. Eastern counties reported a series of hard frosts in their area aiding corn harvest. 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 | 19 | 39 | 41 | 1 |
| Last Week | 19 | 38 | 41 | 2 |
| Last Year | 31 | 42 | 27 | 0 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 24 | 37 | 39 | 0 |
| Last Week | 20 | 37 | 41 | 2 |
| Last Year | 14 | 40 | 46 | 0 |

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat comes to a close with 99 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year and 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop was 76 percent emerged and in mostly fair to good condition by the end of last week.

Row Crops: Corn continued to be rated in mostly good to fair condition with 94 percent mature and 25 percent harvested. Sorghum was 98 percent turning color with 78 percent of the crop mature and 9 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest continued with 96 percent complete by the end of last week. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition with 28 percent harvested, behind the 5-year average of 41 percent. Fall potato harvest progressed rapidly with the good weather to 90 percent complete. Sunflowers were 42 percent harvested with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Dry bean harvest was 80 percent complete by the end of last week.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 16, 2011

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | | | | | |
| This Week | 6 | 8 | 32 | 47 | 7 |
| Last Year | 1 | 2 | 16 | 65 | 16 |
| Sorghum | | | | | |
| This Week | 15 | 20 | 43 | 21 | 1 |
| Last Year | 2 | 3 | 17 | 58 | 20 |

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions varied across the state from very poor to good condition. Alfalfa's 4th cutting progress was reported at 62 percent complete.

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 16, 2011

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2011 | 20 | 21 | 34 | 22 | 3 |
| Prev. Year - 2010 | 1 | 15 | 43 | 38 | 3 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 6 | 17 | 38 | 34 | 5 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 16, 2011

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Seeded | 99 | 96 | 98 | 97 |
| Emerged | 76 | 60 | 72 | 77 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Mature | 94 | 80 | 98 | 95 |
| Harvested | 25 | 12 | 50 | 37 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Turning Color | 98 | 94 | 100 | 99 |
| Mature | 78 | 50 | 97 | 84 |
| Harvested | 9 | 6 | 24 | 27 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Harvested | 42 | 20 | 62 | 50 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Harvested | 28 | 15 | 43 | 41 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 4 th Cutting | 62 | 50 | 66 | 49 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Harvested | 80 | 71 | 92 | 81 |
| Dry Onions | | | | |
| Harvested | 96 | 89 | 92 | 95 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Harvested | 90 | 54 | 91 | 90 |

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 1 | 3 | 22 | 59 | 15 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 9 | 49 | 37 | 5 |
| Sunflowers | 7 | 16 | 33 | 39 | 5 |
| Sugarbeets | 1 | 2 | 26 | 53 | 18 |

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