



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation and average temperatures last week. The dry conditions have aided the harvest of row crops. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	39	39	0
Last Week	19	39	41	1
Last Year	30	44	26	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	36	39	0
Last Week	24	37	39	0
Last Year	15	37	48	0

**Small Grains:** Planting of winter wheat comes to a close with 99 percent complete. The crop was 83 percent emerged and in mostly fair to good condition by the end of last week. Some wheat fields have been reported with spotty stands due to the lack of moisture.

**Row Crops:** Corn continued to be rated in mostly good to fair condition with 98 percent mature and 40 percent harvested. Sorghum was 88 percent mature and 19 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition with 50 percent harvested, behind the 5-year average of 59 percent. Fall potato harvest finished with the good weather to 99 percent complete. Sunflowers were 48 percent harvested with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Dry bean harvest was 92 percent complete by the end of last week.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 23, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	6	7	30	51	6
Last Year	0	2	22	61	15
Sorghum					
This Week	15	16	49	19	1
Last Year	3	5	26	49	17

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions varied across the state from very poor to good condition. Alfalfa's 4<sup>th</sup> cutting progress was reported at 75 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 23, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	25	27	32	16	0
Prev. Year - 2010	2	19	47	30	2
5-Year Avg.	6	17	38	34	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 23, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	99	99	99	99
Emerged	83	76	87	87
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	98	94	99	98
Harvested	40	25	66	49
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	88	78	99	91
Harvested	19	9	42	37
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	48	42	68	59
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	50	28	66	59
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	75	62	89	64
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	92	80	96	89
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	99	90	98	98

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	27	61	9
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	9	46	37	8
<b>Sunflowers</b>	6	14	31	44	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	2	23	58	16

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