



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Once again, Colorado experienced below average precipitation with above average temperatures last week. Some areas on the Eastern Plains experienced severe weather with high winds and hail on several days last week. However, damage from storms was not widespread. Crops in the San Luis Valley were affected by freezing temperatures last week burning back emerged potatoes and diminishing yield potential for hay. Overall, the mountain snowpack is 5 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	39	31	1
Last Week	19	34	46	1
Last Year	19	15	60	6

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	38	36	0
Last Week	21	36	43	0
Last Year	21	24	52	3

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat progressed to 53 percent turning color, 49 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. One percent of the crop was reported ripe as of the end of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 10 percent headed by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 8 percent headed at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly fair to good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 89 percent percent emerged. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. The onion crop was rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were rated in mostly good to fair condition while fall potato emergence increased to 45 percent complete. Sugarbeets reached 97 percent up to stand with the crop rated in good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 59 percent planted with the crop rated in mostly fair condition while dry bean progress increased to 44 percent planted with 16 percent emerged. Sunflower planting reached 45 percent complete by the end of the week.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 3, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	6	25	53	16
Last Year	0	3	38	56	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	1	25	52	21
Last Year	0	5	50	42	3
Spring Wheat					
This Week	5	8	47	40	0
Last Year	0	5	53	37	5
Winter Wheat					
This Week	4	19	38	36	3
Last Year	17	21	33	27	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions declined again last week and are now rated in mostly poor to fair condition across the State due to the lack of moisture received in the last few weeks. Alfalfa hay making continued in full swing last week reaching 61 percent of the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 3, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	13	40	33	13	1
Prev. Year - 2011	20	23	27	26	4
5-Year Avg.	10	14	30	40	6

**Livestock:** The condition of livestock remains in mostly good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average to short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 3, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	61	40	21	29
<b>Corn</b>				
Emerged	89	78	67	72
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	44	28	50	36
Emerged	16	7	5	8
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Emerged	45	16	11	14
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	59	45	23	37
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	10	5	4	5
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	8	3	-	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Up to Stand	97	94	83	81
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	45	26	21	38
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Headed	99	99	73	77
Turning Color	53	26	6	4
Ripe	1	N/A	-	-

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	5	10	35	41	9
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	17	72	10
<b>Livestock</b>	1	3	22	68	6
<b>Sorghum</b>	7	21	44	26	2
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	6	24	56	14
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	10	40	42	8

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

Coming soon – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29.