



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced scattered showers last week with severity ranging from very light to heavy with hail. The majority of the State experienced below average precipitation with above average temperatures last week. Along the Front Range and some of the Eastern Plains experienced severe weather with high winds and hail on several days last week. A portion of Weld County experienced flash floods and hail damaging crops. Reports of grasshopper and fly infestations have increased. Crops in the Northwestern region were affected by freezing temperatures last week diminishing yield potential for hay. Farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 34 | 41 | 25 | 0 |
| Last Week | 29 | 39 | 31 | 1 |
| Last Year | 13 | 19 | 65 | 3 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 30 | 40 | 30 | 0 |
| Last Week | 26 | 38 | 36 | 0 |
| Last Year | 15 | 24 | 58 | 3 |

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 82 percent turning color, 63 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Seven 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 22 percent headed with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 14 percent headed at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 96 percent emerged. The crop was rated in mostly good 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 70 percent complete. Sugarbeets were rated in good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 77 percent planted with 9 percent emerged and the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Dry bean progress increased to 67 percent planted with 27 percent emerged. Sunflower planting reached 60 percent complete by the end of the week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 10, 2012

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | | | | | |
| This Week | 1 | 5 | 20 | 70 | 4 |
| Last Year | 0 | 3 | 28 | 64 | 5 |
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 2 | 2 | 22 | 51 | 23 |
| Last Year | 0 | 1 | 44 | 46 | 9 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 7 | 9 | 42 | 36 | 6 |
| Last Year | 0 | 1 | 51 | 40 | 8 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 7 | 21 | 38 | 29 | 5 |
| Last Year | 12 | 17 | 34 | 33 | 4 |

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland rapidly declined due to the combination of dry, high winds and limited moisture and is rated mostly very poor to fair condition across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 67 percent of the 1st cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 10, 2012

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2012 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 15 | 0 |
| Prev. Year - 2011 | 26 | 19 | 21 | 28 | 6 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 11 | 12 | 28 | 39 | 10 |

Livestock: The condition of livestock remains in mostly good condition. Some producers are relocating livestock due to the poor condition of pastureland. 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 10, 2012

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 67 | 61 | 41 | 44 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Emerged | 96 | 89 | 85 | 89 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted | 67 | 44 | 72 | 60 |
| Emerged | 27 | 16 | 13 | 24 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Emerged | 70 | 45 | 35 | 37 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 77 | 59 | 37 | 54 |
| Emerged | 9 | - | 10 | 14 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Headed | 22 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 14 | 8 | 2 | 8 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 60 | 45 | 42 | 56 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 99 | 99 | 90 | 93 |
| Turning Color | 82 | 53 | 17 | 19 |
| Ripe | 7 | 1 | - | 2 |

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 8 | 14 | 30 | 39 | 9 |
| Dry Onions | 0 | 8 | 17 | 64 | 11 |
| Livestock | 0 | 4 | 33 | 58 | 5 |
| Sorghum | 3 | 15 | 44 | 37 | 1 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 6 | 17 | 61 | 16 |
| Summer Potatoes | 1 | 12 | 40 | 43 | 4 |

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

In progress – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock is in full swing. During the first two weeks of June, NASS is surveying about 140,000 U.S. producers and visiting 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.