



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced dry conditions with average temperatures providing some relief from the higher temperatures. Precipitation levels were below average for the majority of the State except for the San Luis Valley which received a few scattered showers. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short last week. Farmers were allowed 6.9 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	61	32	7	0
Last Week	61	33	6	0
Last Year	13	37	48	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	66	28	6	0
Last Week	65	30	5	0
Last Year	14	34	51	1

**Small Grains:** Spring barley harvest progressed to 50 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 32 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition by the end of the week.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 67 percent dough and 19 percent dented, 20 and 9 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average, respectively. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. The harvest of corn silage progressed to 6 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 91 percent flowered and the crop ranged in good to poor condition. Dry onion harvest was 18 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 45 percent harvested by the end of last week with the crop in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 85 percent headed with 35 percent turning color. The crop ranged evenly from good to very poor condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest started last week with 5 percent harvested and the crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged evenly from good to very poor at the end of last week.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 19, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	42	20	19	17	2
Last Year	0	7	25	52	16
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	3	14	73	9
Last Year	0	2	39	50	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	10	15	22	47	6
Last Year	0	15	46	33	6
Sorghum					
This Week	32	23	24	21	0
Last Year	3	12	56	28	1

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 52 percent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting complete. The crop's condition varied widely from good to very poor condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 19, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	53	29	14	4	0
Prev. Year - 2011	25	17	19	30	9
5-Year Avg.	10	13	30	40	7

**Livestock:** The condition of livestock was rated good to fair at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies have been reduced due to the drought and high demand and were rated short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 19, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	52	47	27	22
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	67	40	34	47
Dent	19	5	3	10
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	6	2	-	2
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	91	81	76	89
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	18	14	11	9
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	5	-	1	1
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	85	70	66	79
Turning Color	35	30	26	42
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	50	37	40	37
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	32	25	16	23
<b>Summer Potato</b>				
Harvested	45	37	19	10

- Represents zero.  
N/A Not available.

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	23	17	25	32	3
<b>Dry Beans</b>	10	22	43	23	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	3	21	69	6
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	0	30	60	10
<b>Livestock</b>	6	13	39	41	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	3	11	27	51	8
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	7	14	64	13	2
<b>Sunflowers</b>	29	26	28	16	1

<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.

