



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Scattered showers brought some welcome moisture to Colorado last week but precipitation levels were still below average. Temperatures were slightly above average for this time of year. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short last week. Farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	64	30	6	0
Last Week	61	32	7	0
Last Year	19	41	39	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	64	31	5	0
Last Week	66	28	6	0
Last Year	19	38	42	1

Small Grains: Spring barley harvest progressed to 70 percent harvested by the end of last week. Spring wheat was 40 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 85 percent dough, 41 percent dented, and 3 percent mature. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. The harvest of corn silage progressed to 13 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 99 percent flowered and 18 percent cut with the crop rated in good to poor condition. Dry bean farmers reported some bean pods did not fill due to the excessive heat while the plants were blooming. Dry onion harvest was 25 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 53 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 91 percent headed with 40 percent turning color. The crop ranged from good to very poor condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest continued with 14 percent harvested and the crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged evenly from fair to very poor at the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 26, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	35	21	23	19	2
Last Year	1	9	26	50	14
Spring Wheat					
This Week	6	10	22	56	6
Last Year	0	7	54	32	7
Sorghum					
This Week	39	18	21	22	0
Last Year	4	13	56	25	2

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 69 percent of the 3rd cutting complete and 7 percent of the 4th cutting complete. The crop's condition varied widely from good to very poor condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 26, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	52	29	16	3	0
Prev. Year - 2011	20	17	25	28	10
5-Year Avg.	8	14	33	37	8

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 26, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	69	52	37	33
4 th Cutting	7	-	-	-
Corn				
Dough	85	67	56	66
Dent	41	19	10	22
Mature	3	-	-	1
Corn Silage				
Harvested	13	6	1	6
Dry Beans				
Flowered	99	91	93	96
Cut	18	-	1	3
Dry Onions				
Harvested	25	18	24	19
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	14	5	2	3
Sorghum				
Headed	91	85	77	89
Turning Color	40	35	33	49
Spring Barley				
Harvested	70	50	58	54
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	40	32	30	33
Summer Potato				
Harvested	53	45	30	19

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	17	20	24	35	4
Dry Beans	11	23	39	25	2
Dry Onions	1	2	13	76	8
Fall Potatoes	0	0	22	68	10
Livestock	4	13	36	45	2
Sugarbeets	3	13	23	53	8
Summer Potatoes	4	22	59	13	2
Sunflowers	31	26	26	15	2

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

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!

