



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced hot and dry weather last week with below average precipitation and above average temperatures. There were a few scattered showers reported in the Southeastern region of the State bringing limited relief. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short last week. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	66	29	5	0
Last Week	64	30	6	0
Last Year	26	43	31	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	68	29	3	0
Last Week	64	31	5	0
Last Year	22	40	38	0

Small Grains: Spring barley harvest progressed to 84 percent harvested by the end of last week. Spring wheat was 54 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 95 percent dough, 64 percent dented, and 10 percent mature. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. The harvest of corn silage progressed to 27 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 40 percent cut with the crop rated in good to poor condition. Dry onion harvest was 32 percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 65 percent harvested, 39 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum progress increased to 97 percent headed, 60 percent turning color, and 10 percent mature. The crop ranged from good to very poor condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest continued with 22 percent harvested and the crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged from fair to very poor at the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 2, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	44	20	16	17	3
Last Year	3	11	24	48	14
Spring Wheat					
This Week	11	14	18	52	5
Last Year	0	4	52	35	9
Sorghum					
This Week	46	17	19	18	0
Last Year	5	17	49	27	2

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 80 percent of the 3rd cutting complete and 14 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 September 2, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	60	25	13	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	18	18	31	26	7
5-Year Avg.	7	13	36	37	7

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good 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 September 2, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	80	69	51	44
4 th Cutting	14	7	-	-
Corn				
Dough	95	85	80	84
Dent	64	41	32	39
Mature	10	3	1	4
Corn Silage				
Harvested	27	13	7	13
Dry Beans				
Cut	40	18	8	12
Dry Onions				
Harvested	32	25	33	29
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	22	14	4	6
Sorghum				
Headed	97	91	87	94
Turning Color	60	40	41	56
Mature	10	-	9	13
Spring Barley				
Harvested	84	70	76	74
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	54	40	48	47
Summer Potato				
Harvested	65	53	36	26

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	25	23	21	27	4
Dry Beans	10	25	40	22	3
Dry Onions	1	4	12	72	11
Fall Potatoes	0	0	20	75	5
Livestock	5	14	43	37	1
Sugarbeets	3	13	27	49	8
Sunflowers	40	20	25	14	1

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!

