



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado did receive scattered showers last week resulting in above average precipitation levels, except in the San Luis Valley. Hail was reported damaging range and cropland in Baca County as a result from the storms. Temperatures were average last week. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short but some improvement was noted. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	54	28	18	0
Last Week	64	29	7	0
Last Year	22	30	46	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	68	27	5	0
Last Week	72	25	3	0
Last Year	22	33	43	2

**Small Grains:** Planting of winter wheat progressed at a rapid pace last week with 62 percent of the acreage planted by the end of the week. Emergence reached 20 percent last week compared with 37 percent for the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvest progressed to 86 percent complete by the end of last week.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 87 percent mature and 26 percent harvested, 13 points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. Corn harvested for silage progressed to 95 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 92 percent cut and 62 percent harvested. Dry onion harvest was 80 percent complete by week's end. Sorghum progress increased to 40 percent mature

and 11 percent harvested. The crop was rated in very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued at the usual pace last week with 19 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest reached 75 percent complete. Sunflower harvest progressed to 9 percent complete and the crop's condition ranging from very poor to fair.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 30, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	47	19	20	12	2
Last Year	4	9	32	43	12
Sorghum					
This Week	51	31	13	5	0
Last Year	10	20	55	14	1

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 70 percent of the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting complete.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 30, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	61	24	13	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	19	20	29	24	8
5-Year Avg.	7	17	38	32	6

**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 continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 30, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	70	46	26	24
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	87	80	56	65
Harvested	26	19	4	13
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	95	87	87	84
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	92	85	82	78
Harvested	62	45	56	53
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	80	75	79	74
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	75	52	42	53
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	99	99	87	97
Mature	40	33	37	59
Harvested	11	9	1	8
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	86	80	90	92
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	19	13	6	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	9	2	14	21
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	62	42	73	75
Emerged	20	5	34	37

- Represents zero.  
N/A Not available.

### COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	4	20	41	34	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	15	35	42	8
<b>Sunflowers</b>	45	28	21	6	0

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

