



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado did receive scattered showers and snow in some areas of the State last week resulting in a slight improvement in top soil moisture ratings. Hail was reported in the southeastern part of the State. Temperatures were below average last week. Some northeastern areas received a hard frost on the weekend ending the growing season. Farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

Sugarbeet harvest continued at the usual pace last week at 28 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest reached 90 percent complete. Sunflower harvest progressed to 16 percent complete with the crop's condition ranging from very poor to fair.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	32	37	31	0
Last Week	54	28	18	0
Last Year	20	36	42	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	62	33	5	0
Last Week	68	27	5	0
Last Year	21	35	42	2

**Small Grains:** Planting of winter wheat progressed at a better than average pace with 80 percent of the acreage planted by the end of the week. Emergence continued behind the average reaching 36 percent last week compared with 57 percent for the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvest started to wind down with 95 percent of the acreage harvested by the end of last week.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 95 percent mature and 36 percent harvested, 13 points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. Dry bean progress was reported 80 percent harvested. Dry onion harvest was 86 percent complete by week's end. Sorghum progress increased to 53 percent mature and 16 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 7, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	43	16	21	16	4
Last Year	3	8	34	43	12
Sorghum					
This Week	62	21	12	5	0
Last Year	9	25	43	21	2

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 83 percent of the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting complete.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 7, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	60	25	11	4	0
Prev. Year - 2011	16	17	29	29	9
5-Year Avg.	7	15	35	36	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 continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 7, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	83	70	44	36
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	95	87	76	81
Harvested	36	26	10	23
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	80	62	68	69
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	86	80	87	85
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	90	75	51	67
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	100	99	93	98
Mature	53	40	47	71
Harvested	16	11	5	15
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	95	86	96	97
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	28	19	13	24
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	16	9	19	31
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	80	62	92	89
Emerged	36	20	54	57

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

### COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	2	17	40	40	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	8	27	50	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>	40	27	18	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.

