



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The majority of Colorado received above average precipitation in the form of scattered showers and snow last week. The moisture helped winter wheat planting in some areas but conditions are still very dry. Temperatures were below average last week. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations.

condition. Fall potato harvest reached 95 percent complete. Sunflower harvest progressed to 35 percent complete with the crop's condition ranging from poor to very poor.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 14, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	55	35	7	3	0
Last Year	13	22	42	22	1

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	38	31	0
Last Week	32	37	31	0
Last Year	19	39	41	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	62	31	7	0
Last Week	62	33	5	0
Last Year	23	36	40	1

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat progressed to 92 percent of the acreage planted by the end of the week. Emergence continued behind the average reaching 51 percent last week compared with 72 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 95 percent of the 4th cutting complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 14, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	59	24	15	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	18	19	33	25	5
5-Year Avg.	7	16	36	35	6

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 98 percent mature and 50 percent harvested, 16 points ahead of the 5-year average. Dry bean progress was reported 94 percent harvested. Dry onion harvest was 89 percent complete by week's end. Sorghum progress increased to 70 percent mature and 18 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued at the usual pace last week at 41 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good

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 14, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	95	83	59	49
Corn				
Mature	98	95	90	92
Harvested	50	36	21	34
Dry Beans				
Harvested	94	80	77	79
Dry Onions				
Harvested	89	86	94	94
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	95	90	80	84
Sorghum				
Turning Color	100	100	97	99
Mature	70	53	70	83
Harvested	18	16	8	23
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	41	28	24	36
Sunflowers				
Harvested	35	16	36	45
Winter Wheat				
Planted	92	80	98	96
Emerged	51	36	71	72

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	13	45	37	2
Sugarbeets	0	5	19	68	8
Sunflowers	35	37	12	15	1
Winter Wheat	6	25	31	38	0

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

