



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received little to no precipitation last week continuing the dry conditions. High winds were reported in the eastern part of the State causing some crop damage. Temperatures were average last week. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	40	39	21	0
Last Week	31	38	31	0
Last Year	21	39	40	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	62	32	6	0
Last Week	62	31	7	0
Last Year	25	36	39	0

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat wrapped up last week with 99 percent of the acreage planted. Emergence continued behind the average reaching 66 percent last week compared with 82 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 64 percent harvested, 17 points ahead of the 5-year average. Dry bean harvest finished last week with 99 percent harvested. Dry onion harvest was 97 percent complete by week's end. Sorghum progress increased to 85 percent mature and 21 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued last

week with 63 percent harvested and the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower harvest progressed to 40 percent complete with the crop's condition ranging from very poor to poor.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 21, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum					
This Week	62	27	8	3	0
Last Year	15	17	47	20	1

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 21, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	61	25	12	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	24	25	32	18	1
5-Year Avg.	8	18	37	33	4

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.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 21, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Harvested	64	50	36	47
Dry Beans				
Harvested	99	94	89	88
Dry Onions				
Harvested	97	89	97	98
Sorghum				
Mature	85	70	85	93
Harvested	21	18	16	33
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	63	41	44	53
Sunflowers				
Harvested	40	35	46	55
Winter Wheat				
Planted	99	92	99	99
Emerged	66	51	81	82

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	11	40	45	2
Sugarbeets	0	4	16	67	13
Sunflowers	48	24	16	12	0
Winter Wheat	5	20	41	33	1

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

