



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Drought conditions continued last week as Colorado experienced below average precipitation and above average temperatures. High winds were reported across the State raising concerns about the condition of the wheat crop and wind erosion. Soil moisture ratings continue to show that extremely dry conditions persist. Farmers were allowed 6.9 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	39	46	15	0
Last Week	38	47	15	0
Last Year	17	31	52	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	59	34	7	0
Last Week	56	41	3	0
Last Year	20	28	51	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat emergence reached 94 percent last week compared with 98 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair to poor condition.

Row Crops: Sorghum harvest reached 96 percent harvested. Sunflower harvest progressed to 98 percent complete, 6 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

WINTER WHEAT CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 25, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	8	26	48	18	0
Last Year	1	9	41	43	6

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 November 25, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	60	25	12	3	0
Prev. Year - 2011	16	22	34	27	1
5-Year Avg.	7	18	39	32	4

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated good to fair 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.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report issued by the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office for 2012. Next year's Colorado weekly reports will begin on March 18, 2013.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2012 season!

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 25, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Sorghum Harvested	96	91	89	89
Sunflowers Harvested	98	94	93	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	94	91	99	98

- Represents zero.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	8	35	53	2

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

