



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** As dry conditions and high winds prevailed, soil moisture supplies became increasingly scarce in vast portions of Colorado. Warm spring temperatures in localized areas have pushed development of some crops, although conditions remain a concern as a consequence of the water supply shortage. The adverse conditions may prevent plantings or force producers in some areas to abandon planted crops. As of June 3, mountain snowpack measured 91 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	33	38	1
Last Week	21	33	45	1
Last Year	28	38	33	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	41	39	20	0
Last Week	39	39	22	0
Last Year	25	38	37	0

**Small Grains:** By week's end, 88 percent of the winter wheat crop had reached the jointing stage. Crop condition ratings fell but remained generally very poor to fair. Emergence of barley reached 98 percent, up 14 percentage points from the previous week. Last week, 95 percent of the state's spring wheat crop had emerged, up 17 percentage points from the previous week. Three percent of the crop was in the heading stage.

**Row Crops:** Sugarbeet producers had planted 84 percent of the crop while 59 percent had emerged by week's end. Corn planting activities neared completion, with sixty-five percent of the crop emerged, up 16 percentage points from last week. Planting activities for fall potatoes were essentially complete, with 95 percent planted by week's end. Summer potatoes were 60 percent emerged, up 15 percentage points from last week and ahead of 54 percent on average. Twenty-five percent of the dry bean crop was planted, behind last year and the average. Sunflowers were 21 percent planted, compared with 42 percent last year and the average of 37 percent.

Sorghum planting activities were 20 percent complete by week's end, behind 57 percent last year and the average of 39 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 2, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	7	32	52	5
Last Year	0	5	25	55	15
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	31	55	14
Last Year	1	1	24	53	21
Spring Wheat					
This Week	6	5	35	48	6
Last Year	4	7	47	42	0
Winter Wheat					
This Week	37	23	29	10	1
Last Year	4	19	38	36	3

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions showed a decline from last week at 54 percent very poor to poor. This is compared with the five-year average of 33 percent very poor to poor. The first cutting of alfalfa continued last week, reaching 12 percent completed by week's end.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 2, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	30	24	31	14	1
Prev. Year - 2012	12	39	34	14	1
5-Year Avg.	12	21	31	31	5

**Livestock:** livestock condition ratings declined, but remained mostly good to fair last week.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 2, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	12	9	58	31
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	94	93	100	97
Emerged	65	59	87	73
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	25	8	42	36
Emerged	2	N/A	15	8
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	95	90	99	97
Emerged	7	3	41	18
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	20	13	57	39
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Emerged	98	84	100	98
Headed	-	-	9	6
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Emerged	95	78	100	91
Headed	3	1	7	4
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	84	79	100	100
Up to Stand	59	46	97	81
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Emerged	60	45	100	54
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	21	10	42	37
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	88	87	100	98
Headed	35	10	99	75

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	10	16	24	44	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	3	22	68	7
<b>Livestock</b>	1	8	30	54	7
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	2	21	61	16
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	8	56	36	0

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

### Special Note

#### NASS Survey Update!

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**