



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced isolated thunderstorms and rain showers last week, increasing moisture supplies and improving crop conditions in localized areas. Elsewhere, dry weather was prevalent, causing crop conditions and irrigation supplies to deteriorate. Reporters maintained that non-irrigated crops in some areas, particularly hay and small grains, are at high risk of abandonment. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	40	46	14	0
Last Week	44	43	13	0
Last Year	55	26	19	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	51	38	11	0
Last Week	51	40	9	0
Last Year	54	32	14	0

Small Grains: Virtually all standing winter wheat was turning color with 45 percent ripe and 16 percent harvested thus far. Overall, condition ratings for winter wheat held steady last week with most still rated very poor to poor. Eighty-two percent of the barley crop was headed, on par with the five-year average. By week's end, 7 percent of the barley crop was turning color, behind 24 percent last year and 16 percent on average. Spring wheat developed ahead of average, with 91 percent of the crop headed and 8 percent turning color.

Row Crops: Virtually all dry beans were emerged by week's end while 2 percent were flowered. Sunflowers were up to 90 percent planted, up from 77 percent the previous week. Three percent of the corn crop was in the silking stage, behind 8 percent last year and the average of 6 percent. The sorghum crop ended the week at 82 percent emerged and 2 percent headed.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 7, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	10	31	45	4
Last Year	16	22	30	29	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	32	59	9
Last Year	1	3	32	60	4
Spring Wheat					
This Week	7	10	33	43	7
Last Year	1	6	36	53	4
Winter Wheat					
This Week	44	24	20	11	1
Last Year*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Crop harvested

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions showed a slight decline from last week, with 72 percent rated very poor to poor. The week prior, 71 percent was rated very poor to poor. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 37 percent. The first and second cuttings of alfalfa were 90 percent and 13 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 7, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	48	24	17	10	1
Prev. Year - 2012	42	34	22	2	0
5-Year Avg.	18	19	25	30	8

Livestock: Livestock condition ratings improved slightly from the previous week. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 7, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	90	83	98	94
2 nd Cutting	13	4	36	18
Corn				
Silked	3	1	8	6
Dry Beans				
Emerged	96	83	98	86
Flowered	2	N/A	-	4
Sorghum				
Emerged	82	66	90	83
Headed	2	-	4	7
Spring Barley				
Headed	82	61	91	82
Turning	7	N/A	24	16
Spring Wheat				
Headed	91	67	85	73
Turning	8	N/A	20	11
Sunflowers				
Planted	90	77	97	98
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	96	79	100	95
Ripe	45	22	100	64
Harvested	16	7	96	37

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	14	31	37	6
Dry Beans	0	1	51	45	3
Dry Onions	0	1	21	70	8
Fall Potatoes					
San Luis Valley	0	0	39	58	3
All Other	0	8	66	25	1
Livestock	4	9	36	50	1
Sorghum	21	27	19	32	1
Sugarbeets	0	1	20	68	11
Sunflowers	1	12	57	29	1

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