



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Small grain and hay harvest became increasingly widespread last week as conditions permitted. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to locally heavy in some areas. Reporters observed some positive impacts of rainfall last week on crop conditions and moisture supplies in some localities. However, precipitation remained insufficient in other areas, leaving moisture supplies and water reserves below adequate levels in some cases. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	35	45	20	0
Last Week	34	46	20	0
Last Year	53	33	14	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	49	38	13	0
Last Week	49	40	11	0
Last Year	57	33	10	0

**Small Grains:** Last week, virtually all winter wheat reached maturity while producers continued harvest activities, ending the week at 75 percent complete. This is up from 44 percent harvested the previous week. Twenty-seven percent of the state's barley crop was turning color, behind 44 percent last year and the average of 51 percent. Harvest progress was minimal last week, with barley only 1 percent complete by week's end. Forty-three percent of the spring wheat crop was turning color, up from 22 percent the week prior. Thus far, two percent of the spring wheat crop has been harvested.

**Row Crops:** Thirty-four percent of the dry bean crop was flowered, up from 12 percent the previous week. Corn advanced 21 percentage points from last week to 29 percent in the silk stage. Sorghum was 12 percent headed and 5 percent was turning color by week's end.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 21, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	15	29	40	6
Last Year	20	23	26	28	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	34	58	6
Last Year	1	3	24	67	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	7	13	37	39	4
Last Year	10	13	22	51	4

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions improved slightly from last week, with 64 percent rated very poor to poor. The week prior, 68 percent was rated very poor to poor. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 36 percent. The second cutting of alfalfa was 55 percent complete, up from 29 percent previously.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 21, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	38	26	23	12	1
Prev. Year - 2012	45	33	19	3	0
5-Year Avg.	18	18	25	33	6

**Livestock:** Livestock condition ratings improved slightly from the previous week with 54 percent rated good to excellent, up from 52 percent previously. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 21, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	55	29	65	47
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	29	8	53	32
Dough	-	N/A	1	1
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	34	12	45	36
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	12	4	19	22
Turning Color	5	-	-	8
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	97	92	100	97
Turning	27	18	44	51
Harvested	1	N/A	6	3
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning	43	22	37	38
Harvested	2	N/A	4	2
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Ripe	97	71	100	94
Harvested	75	44	100	70

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	20	17	27	31	5
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	8	45	44	3
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	23	65	11
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>					
San Luis Valley	0	1	33	62	4
All Other	0	0	64	34	2
<b>Livestock</b>	2	12	32	50	4
<b>Sorghum</b>	14	23	45	18	0
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	1	21	67	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	19	51	27	2

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