



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Cooler temperatures and increased precipitation prevailed in vast portions of eastern Colorado while the west generally remained warm with scattered precipitation. Cooler temperatures were beneficial in some cases for crop, pasture and range conditions, particularly in areas impacted by drought. Some producers were making preparations for seeding of winter wheat in areas where conditions allowed. Elsewhere, reporters indicated some potato producers were killing vines. On average, farmers were allowed 6.2 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	34	46	2
Last Week	26	32	40	2
Last Year	61	32	7	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	41	26	0
Last Week	37	40	23	0
Last Year	66	28	6	0

**Small Grains:** Last week, virtually all standing barley in Colorado had reached maturity while 25 percent has been harvested, behind last year and the average. Likewise, virtually all spring wheat was mature by week's end. Thirty-three percent of the spring wheat harvest has also been completed, slightly ahead of last year and the average.

**Row Crops:** Forty-five percent of the state's corn crop was in the dough stage, up significantly from 19 percent previously. Five percent of the crop had reached the denting stage, behind 17 percent last year and the average of 10 percent. Continuing behind average in development, 55 percent of the sorghum crop was headed, up from 37 percent a week earlier, with 24 percent turning color. Producers made modest progress harvesting onions, with 3 percent having been harvested by week's end, up from 2 percent the week prior. Potatoes outside of the San Luis Valley were 24 percent harvested by week's end, up 10 percentage points from the previous week.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 18, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	10	13	30	43	4
Last Year	42	20	19	17	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	40	55	4
Last Year	1	3	15	72	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	9	13	33	41	4
Last Year	9	15	22	48	6

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions ratings showed a slight improved, ending with 50 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 52 percent last week. On average, 37 percent is rated very poor to poor. The second and third cuttings of alfalfa were 93 percent and 21 percent complete, respectively. Both cuttings were behind last year's figures but generally on par with average progress.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 18, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	24	26	32	18	0
Prev. Year - 2012	53	29	14	4	0
5-Year Avg.	20	17	25	33	5

**Livestock:** Livestock condition ratings showed a slight decline from last week with 56 now rated good to excellent, down from 61 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 August 18, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	93	85	99	91
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	21	13	51	28
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	98	91	99	99
Dough	45	19	63	47
Dent	5	2	17	10
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	95	86	90	87
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	3	2	17	10
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested				
All other	24	14	44	16
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	55	37	83	78
Turning Color	24	15	34	43
Mature	1	N/A	-	2
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	100	82	100	99
Harvested	25	15	48	37
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	95	87	99	95
Harvested	33	20	31	23

- Represents zero.  
N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	13	13	35	35	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	8	47	45	0
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	18	80	1
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>					
San Luis Valley	0	0	31	66	3
All Other	0	0	51	49	0
<b>Livestock</b>	2	7	35	55	1
<b>Sorghum</b>	18	20	34	28	0
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	2	25	70	3
<b>Sunflowers</b>	15	16	41	27	1

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

**USDA TO SURVEY SMALL GRAINS FARMERS**

During the first two weeks of September, NASS will survey growers of small grains, including wheat, oats, and barley. In addition, NASS will ask for grain currently stored on the farm. Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on September 30.