



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Cool temperatures and precipitation prevailed last week, delaying fieldwork across the state. Locally heavy rains resulted in flooding, particularly along the Front Range and throughout the north east quadrant of Colorado. Flood damage was being assessed with some crop and livestock loss expected, according to reporters. Topsoil moisture, pasture and rangeland were generally improved as a result of precipitation events. However, as most crops have reached the final stages of development, negligible improvements to crop conditions are expected. On average, farmers were allowed 3.4 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	21	54	15
Last Week	29	46	25	0
Last Year	63	28	9	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	32	37	4
Last Week	38	47	15	0
Last Year	70	27	3	0

**Small Grains:** Virtually all standing small grains were harvested last week. Seeding continued for winter wheat with a modest gain of 9 percentage points, ending the week with 22 percent planted.

**Row Crops:** Corn was 83 percent in the dent stage, up from 65 percent previously. An additional 13 percent of the corn crop reached maturity from the previous week, ending on 20 percent mature. Producers have managed to harvest 2 percent of the state's corn crop thus far. Of the corn intended for silage, 54 percent has been harvested, compared with 67 percent last year and 46 percent on average. Eighty percent of the sorghum crop was turning color while 11 percent had reached maturity. Harvest activities have just begun for sorghum, with 1 percent currently complete. Trailing the average, the harvest of dry onions gained 13 percentage points ending on 33 percent harvested by week's end. The sugarbeet harvest began last week, with 2 percent complete thus far.

Harvest of potatoes in the San Luis valley gained 9 percentage points last week with 26 percent complete by week's end. Harvest of potatoes elsewhere was 73 percent complete, up from 51 percent previously. As of September 15, Colorado's dry bean cutting and harvest led their averages, at 52 and 30 percent, respectively.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 15, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	21	19	27	29	4
Last Year	42	21	18	18	1
Sorghum					
This Week	18	22	35	25	0
Last Year	56	17	16	11	0

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions ratings improved last week, ending with 46 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 52 percent the previous week. On average, 37 percent is normally rated very poor to poor. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> cuttings of alfalfa were 76 and 6 percent complete, respectively.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 15, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	17	29	32	22	0
Prev. Year - 2012	60	27	12	1	0
5-Year Avg.	19	18	31	27	5

**Livestock:** Livestock condition ratings generally improved from last week with 59 percent currently rated good to excellent, up from 49 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 September 15, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	76	62	89	70
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	6	2	29	9
<b>Corn</b>				
Dent	83	65	91	78
Mature	20	7	51	28
Harvested	2	N/A	6	3
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	54	39	67	46
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	52	39	63	44
Harvested	30	15	26	21
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	33	20	63	50
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested				
San Luis Valley	26	17	41	25
All Other	73	51	89	52
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	97	93	99	98
Turning Color	80	58	92	83
Mature	11	10	23	29
Harvested	1	-	4	2
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	95	89	96	96
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	96	85	71	69
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	2	N/A	6	3
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	22	13	13	27
Emerged	2	N/A	-	2

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	17	13	24	39	7
<b>Dry Beans</b>	9	16	39	32	4
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	20	69	10
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>					
San Luis Valley	0	1	27	62	10
<b>Livestock</b>	2	5	34	57	2
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	4	24	62	10
<b>Sunflowers</b>	18	27	34	19	2

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