



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The central focus has shifted to harvest activities for standing late season crops, which continued between precipitation events in the form of rain and snow. Hard freezes have become increasingly prevalent while snow has been reported in greater frequency in localized portions of Colorado. High winds were reported in eastern counties, potentially damaging the winter wheat crop. On average, farmers were allowed 5.3 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	19	70	4
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	39	39	22	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	35	44	1
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	62	32	6	0

N/A Not available.

**Small Grains:** Seeding of winter wheat was virtually complete as of last week. Seventy-three percent of the state's winter wheat crop has emerged.

**Row Crops:** Virtually all corn had reached maturity by week's end. The corn harvest progressed to 39 percent complete last week, behind 62 percent last year and 48 percent on average. Eighty-five percent of the sorghum crop had reached maturity while 14 percent had been harvested. The sunflower harvest advanced to 41 percent complete last week. Continuing behind average, the dry onion harvest was 83 percent complete by week's end. The sugarbeet harvest ended the week on 53 percent complete. Potatoes in the San Luis valley were 92 percent harvested. Dry beans were 81 percent harvested, behind 98 percent last year and the average of 89 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 20, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	7	39	44	10
Last Year	5	21	39	34	1
Corn					
This Week	12	13	31	37	7
Last Year*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sorghum					
This Week	30	37	26	7	0
Last Year	61	28	8	3	0

\*Harvest over 50% complete

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 34 percent very poor to poor compared with 65 percent for the week ending September 29, 2013. On average, 39 percent is rated very poor to poor. Last week, the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting of alfalfa reached 69 percent complete.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 20, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	14	20	30	26	10
Prev. Year - 2012	61	25	12	2	0
5-Year Avg.	19	20	33	24	4

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were rated 70 percent good to excellent, up from 62 percent for the week ending September 29, 2013. 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 October 20, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	69	N/A	98	69
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	95	N/A	100	97
Harvested	39	N/A	62	48
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	81	N/A	98	89
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	83	N/A	96	96
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested				
San Luis Valley	92	N/A	99	96
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Turning Color	100	N/A	100	100
Mature	85	N/A	83	89
Harvested	14	N/A	21	27
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	53	N/A	60	53
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	41	N/A	39	49
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	95	N/A	98	98
Emerged	73	N/A	64	78

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	6	23	66	4
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	25	67	5
<b>Sunflowers</b>	26	17	31	24	2

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