



Colorado Crop Progress

NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS
SERVICE

USDA NASS Colorado Field Office
P.O. Box 150969, Lakewood, CO 80215
Phone 1-800-392-3202 · 1-800-643-6885
e-mail: nass-co@nass.usda.gov

To access USDA-NASS reports <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Released: October 28, 2013

Vol. 50 No. 31

Agricultural Summary: Precipitation fell in trace amounts last week as increasingly dry weather patterns have begun to emerge, providing exceptional conditions for harvesting activities. However, wind and dry conditions continue to negatively impact pasture and range conditions in some localities. In several areas, livestock producers were weaning calves, culling herds, and marketing livestock. On average, farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	21	70	2
Last Week	7	19	70	4
Last Year	32	41	27	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	33	47	0
Last Week	20	35	44	1
Last Year	54	38	8	0

N/A Not available.

Small Grains: Eighty-seven percent of the state's winter wheat crop had emerged as of last week, up from 73 percent previously.

Row Crops: Last week, the percentage of corn harvested advanced 20 percentage points to 59 percent. The sorghum harvest reached 35 percent complete, up from 14 percent the previous week. Fifty-six percent of the sunflower crop was harvested by week's end—a 15 percentage point increase from the week prior. The harvest of dry onions progressed at a slower pace last week, ending the week at 87 percent complete—compared with 100 percent last year and 99 percent on average. The harvest of sugarbeets, at 75 percent complete, advanced 22 percentage points since the week ending October 20. Harvest of potatoes in the San Luis Valley finished last week. Ninety-three percent of the dry bean crop was harvested by week's end, up from 81 percent previously.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 27, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	3	37	46	13
Last Year	6	18	45	30	1
Corn					
This Week	11	13	31	38	7
Last Year*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sorghum					
This Week	29	35	25	11	0
Last Year	56	36	6	2	0

*Harvest over 50% complete

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions showed a decline as 38 percent was rated very poor to poor compared with 34 percent previously. On average, 39 percent is rated very poor to poor. As of last week, the 4th cutting of alfalfa was 85 percent complete, up from 69 percent previously.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 27, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	16	22	30	31	1
Prev. Year – 2012	57	25	15	3	0
5-Year Avg.	18	21	33	25	3

Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated 68 percent good to excellent, down from 70 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 October 27, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	85	69	100	78
Corn				
Harvested	59	39	78	62
Dry Beans				
Harvested	93	81	100	95
Dry Onions				
Harvested	87	83	100	99
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested				
San Luis Valley	100	92	100	99
Sorghum				
Mature	99	85	95	95
Harvested	35	14	36	40
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	75	53	82	73
Sunflowers				
Harvested	56	41	58	58
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	87	73	75	87

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	6	25	64	4
Sunflowers	21	10	34	32	3

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