



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Widespread, isolated precipitation was received throughout most of Colorado with locally heavy rainfall reported in some cases. Producers had made good progress prior to the rain events which resulted in limited harvesting and cutting opportunities throughout a good portion of Colorado. Reporter comments indicate rainfall was beneficial for soil moisture supplies and enhancing conditions of pastures, crops and rangeland. Farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	31	56	4
Last Week	11	32	54	3
Last Year	20	33	46	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	31	51	1
Last Week	22	31	46	1
Last Year	34	39	27	0

**Small Grains:** The harvest of barley gained 9 percentage points last week ending with 65 percent complete, ahead of 40 percent last year and 49 percent on average. Maturity of spring wheat remained behind average last week with 88 percent turning color by week's end, compared with 99 percent both last year and on average. Harvest of the crop was estimated at 28 percent complete as of last week, behind 48 percent a year ago and 34 percent on average.

**Row Crops:** Virtually all corn was silked last week, 69 percent was in the dough stage, and 13 percent was dented. Three percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested as of last week. The harvest of onions gained 3 percentage points last week with 4 percent complete by week's end, behind 6 percent last year and the average of 15 percent. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 20 percent complete, continuing

behind last year and the average of 28 and 27 percent, respectively. Sorghum was 74 percent headed, up from 50 percent previously. Twenty-five percent of the crop was coloring, compared with 30 percent last year and 38 percent on average. Seven percent of the crop was mature as of last week, up from 2 percent last year and the average of 4 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 24, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	23	51	20
Last Year	12	10	27	46	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	36	55	1
Last Year	12	12	34	38	4

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 65 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 50 percent was rated fair to good while 58 percent is fair to good on average. The second and third cuttings of alfalfa were estimated at 93 and 46 percent complete, respectively.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 24, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	27	38	8
Prev. Year - 2013	21	27	29	21	2
5-Year Avg.	20	17	26	32	5

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Last week's supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 14 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 24, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	93	89	96	96
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	46	40	36	38
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	99	94	100	100
Dough	69	53	65	63
Dented	13	5	15	18
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	3	-	3	5
<b>Onions</b>				
Harvested	4	1	6	15
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Outside SLV				
Harvested	20	9	28	27
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	74	50	62	79
Turning Color	25	20	30	38
Mature	7	-	2	4
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	65	56	40	49
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	88	80	99	99
Harvested	28	13	48	34

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	3	10	24	46	17
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	0	40	46	14
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	19	66	14
<b>Onions</b>	0	1	14	66	19
<b>Potatoes Inside SLV</b>	6	12	28	44	10
<b>Potatoes Outside SLV</b>	0	1	17	73	9
<b>Sorghum</b>	3	20	47	29	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	3	18	55	23
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	21	28	41	7

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