



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Dry conditions persisted last week, allowing harvest activities to be finalized throughout large swaths of Colorado. Some concerns were noted regarding lack of moisture as its overall decline has been marked over the last several weeks, particularly in the east. In addition to dry conditions, high winds were reported in the eastern districts. In several localities, winter wheat conditions remain a concern as a consequence of hard freezes, particularly in areas where advanced growth of the crop is common. Statewide, farmers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for operations.

by week's end, compared with 99 percent last year and the average of 91 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 23, 2014

|              | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week    | 1         | 6    | 41   | 40   | 12        |
| Last Year    | 1         | 4    | 41   | 47   | 7         |

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 66 percent fair to good across the State.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 7          | 37    | 54       | 2       |
| Last Week | 7          | 36    | 55       | 2       |
| Last Year | 13         | 28    | 58       | 1       |

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 23, 2014

|                      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2014 | 5         | 21   | 28   | 38   | 8         |
| Prev. Year - 2013    | 18        | 23   | 28   | 29   | 2         |
| 5-Year Avg.          | N/A       | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       |

N/A Not available.

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 15         | 33    | 51       | 1       |
| Last Week | 15         | 33    | 51       | 1       |
| Last Year | 23         | 40    | 37       | 0       |

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

**Row Crops:** Ninety-three percent of the corn crop has been harvested thus far, on par with the average. The sorghum harvest was estimated at 84 percent complete, slightly behind 93 percent last year and 88 percent on average. The sunflower harvest was 90 percent complete

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2014. Next year's Colorado weekly report will begin in March 2015. Monthly reports will be released for December on Monday, January 5, 2015; for January on Monday, February 2, 2015; for February on Monday, March 2, 2015; and for March on Monday, March 30, 2015.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 23, 2014

| Item                           | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Corn</b><br>Harvested       | 93        | 84        | 99        | 92        |
| <b>Sorghum</b><br>Harvested    | 84        | 74        | 93        | 88        |
| <b>Sunflowers</b><br>Harvested | 90        | 76        | 99        | 91        |

- Represents zero.  
N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

| Item             | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b>Livestock</b> | 0         | 1    | 20   | 66   | 13        |

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