



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced below average precipitation with slightly above average temperatures last week. High winds, combined with the limited moisture, raise concerns over the availability of soil moisture later in the growing season. Overall, the mountain snowpack is 9 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for spring operations.

increased to 18 percent planted. Sunflower planting reached 16 percent by the end of the week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	32	53	3
Last Week	10	29	58	3
Last Year	21	17	58	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	38	47	0
Last Week	14	39	47	0
Last Year	25	24	49	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat progress increased to 90 percent headed, 62 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Seven percent of the crop was reported turning color as of last week. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring barley was 99 percent seeded and 92 percent emerged by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was reported 98 percent seeded and 75 percent emerged at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progress increased to 94 percent planted, 13 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average with 60 percent emerged. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. The onion crop was rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 80 percent emerged as of last week compared to the 5-year average of 16 percent and rated in mostly good condition. Fall potato plantings last week increased to 81 percent planted with 3 percent emerged. Sugarbeets reached 75 percent up to stand with the crop rated in good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 27 percent planted while dry bean progress

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 20, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	0	20	78	2
Last Year	0	2	20	78	0
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	22	65	12
Last Year	0	7	48	41	4
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	3	37	59	0
Last Year	0	8	49	39	4
Winter Wheat					
This Week	3	10	40	42	5
Last Year	18	22	37	21	2

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions remained steady last week in mostly fair to good condition across the State. Alfalfa was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 20, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	3	27	39	30	1
Prev. Year - 2011	14	32	34	18	2
5-Year Avg.	7	17	34	36	6

Livestock: The condition of livestock remains in mostly good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average to short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 20, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	94	84	83	81
Emerged	60	33	16	26
Dry Beans				
Planted	18	9	16	5
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	81	56	66	75
Emerged	3	-	-	2
Sorghum				
Planted	27	18	9	16
Spring Barley				
Seeded	99	94	98	98
Emerged	92	69	75	83
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	98	93	85	90
Emerged	75	50	54	66
Sugarbeets				
Up to Stand	75	59	39	39
Summer Potatoes				
Emerged	80	55	5	16
Sunflowers				
Planted	16	7	3	12
Winter Wheat				
Headed	90	64	21	28
Turning Color	7	3	-	-

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	4	41	42	12
Dry Onions	0	0	18	73	9
Livestock	0	1	19	77	3
Sugarbeets	0	0	21	71	8
Summer Potatoes	0	0	40	60	0

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