



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The State of Colorado experienced below average amounts of moisture and well above average temperatures last week. Near record high temperatures were experienced over the weekend. Producers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations. Some areas of the state received a little precipitation but drought conditions continue to exist and are putting a great deal of strain on crops and livestock.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	39	33	0
Last Week	26	43	31	0
Last Year	10	36	54	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	35	43	21	1
Last Week	33	47	20	0
Last Year	9	38	51	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 50 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to very poor condition. Spring barley was 97 percent headed and 50 percent turning color in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 90 percent headed and 37 percent turning color, and is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 34 percent silked with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 87 percent emerged, 31 percent headed, and 20 percent turning color with the crop in mostly poor to fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 20, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	6	31	46	16
Last Year	0	3	22	48	27
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	9	34	42	14
Last Year	1	3	29	43	24

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to very poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 42 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated just above average while sheep were rated at average. Stored feed supplies were rated below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 20, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	25	27	30	15	3
Prev. Year - 2007	2	7	34	50	7
5-Year Avg.	11	18	40	27	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 20, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	50	31	91	88
Spring Barley				
Headed	97	90	97	99
Turning Color	50	30	72	65
Spring Wheat				
Headed	90	80	92	97
Turning Color	37	30	49	54
Corn				
Silked	34	16	32	23
Sorghum				
Emerged	87	85	100	100
Headed	31	15	21	14
Turning Color	20	8	0	0
Dry Beans				
Emerged	86	80	100	100
Flowered	32	17	40	26
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	42	25	65	42

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	6	31	46	16
Winter Wheat	39	23	24	12	2
Spring Wheat	1	9	34	42	14
Corn	6	11	32	32	19
Alfalfa	1	7	36	41	15
Dry Onions	4	4	29	46	17
Summer Potatoes	10	10	20	45	15
Fall Potatoes	0	5	31	51	13
Dry Beans	1	2	30	54	13
Sugarbeets	4	6	27	41	22
Sunflowers	14	28	17	19	22
Sorghum	21	35	34	6	4
Livestock	2	12	33	43	10

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

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