



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Widespread snowpack is slowly melting across the Eastern Plains of Colorado. The warming conditions reported last week are revealing good stands of winter wheat which has been buried under heavy snow from late December early January blizzards. The wet conditions only allowed farmers 3 days in the field to continue field work and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	11	66	20

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	16	57	16

Field Crops: Four percent of winter wheat was reported being pastured by weeks end. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 1 percent seeded by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 11, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	4	18	41	35

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received over the past 4 months.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were above average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures covered by snow. Death losses are expected to be high this spring thanks to a very tough winter on the Southeastern Plains of Colorado.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 11, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	14	35	34	10	7
Prev. Year – 2005	14	33	36	17	0
5-Year Avg.	24	30	32	13	1

Spring 2007 Calving and Lambing

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	35	37
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	25	27

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 11, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat Pastured	4	N/A	6	5
Spring Barley Seeded	1	N/A	1	6

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	4	18	41	35

^{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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