



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The widespread snowpack received during mid-winter has slowly melted across the Eastern Plains of Colorado. The warming conditions reported last week are revealing good stands of winter wheat which was buried under heavy snow. Slowly drying fields have producers beginning early spring field work. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 4 days in the field to begin field work and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	6	77	17
Last Week	3	11	66	20
Last Year	29	49	19	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	14	62	18
Last Week	11	16	57	16
Last Year	24	38	36	2

**Field Crops:** Nine percent of winter wheat was reported being pastured by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 5 percent seeded by week's end.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 18, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	1	2	12	42	43
Last Year	6	16	34	37	7

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received over the past 4 months. Cool season grasses are starting to come out of dormancy.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were above average for the week. The wet weather conditions have especially been hard on new born livestock with high levels of illness such as scours and pneumonia being reported. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. 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 18, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	6	28	36	29	1
Prev. Year - 2005	10	24	40	26	0
5-Year Avg.	21	27	36	15	1

## Spring 2007 Calving and Lambing

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	41	44
Ewes Lamed since Jan 1	35	34

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 18, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b> Pastured	9	4	9	6
<b>Spring Barley</b> Seeded	2	1	11	11

**COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	1	2	12	42	43

<sup>1/</sup> 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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