



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received below average amounts of precipitation last week, except the Front Range, which was above average for the week. Overall, snowpack is down 3 percent from the previous week to 123 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the state were below average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 4.1 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	27	50	7
Last Week	14	27	50	9
Last Year	0	8	80	12

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	29	54	5
Last Week	11	29	54	6
Last Year	6	15	68	11

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 7 percent pastured last week, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 8 percent seeded by week's end, which is behind the 5-year average of 13 percent. Dry onions were 10 percent planted and spring wheat was 5 percent seeded. Sugarbeets were 1 percent planted by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 23, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	11	22	36	25	6
Last Year	1	2	14	59	24

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair across the State. The above-average levels of snowpack in the mountains are keeping ranchers hopeful for conditions to improve during the growing season.

Livestock: Forty-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 40 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated slightly above average. Stored feed supplies are rated at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 23, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	8	23	50	19	0
Prev. Year – 2007	2	28	41	28	1
5-Year Avg.	17	28	36	17	2

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	48	50
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	40	40

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 23, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat Pastured	7	8	16	9
Spring Barley Seeded	8	2	8	13
Spring Wheat Planted	5	1	1	4
Dry Onions Planted	10	4	5	18
Sugarbeets Planted	1	0	1	3

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	11	22	36	25	6
Livestock	2	4	25	57	12

^{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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