



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Isolated thunderstorms were received last week across the Eastern Plains of Colorado. Temperatures were reported slightly above average across the state last week. The spring snow received in the Rocky Mountains will supplement lower than average snowpack levels which are needed for irrigation during the summer. Producers continue spring fieldwork and good progress was made last week thanks to the warm dry days. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 5.5 days in the field to begin fieldwork and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	13	77	8
Last Week	3	6	82	9
Last Year	16	31	50	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	21	67	5
Last Week	7	20	70	3
Last Year	28	43	28	1

Field Crops: Winter wheat was at 4 percent pastured with 33 percent jointed and 1 percent headed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 61 percent seeded with 27 percent at or beyond the emerged stage by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was 51 percent seeded last week with 12 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Spring wheat was rated in mostly good condition. Producers continue to plant crops with dry onions at 79 percent planted, summer potatoes at 33 percent planted, corn at 8 percent planted, and sugarbeets at 39 percent planted by the end of the week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 22, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	3	19	47	29
Last Year	6	16	33	39	6
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	3	28	39	30
Last Year	0	5	58	33	4
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	6	37	44	13

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions have improved thanks to the precipitation received last week. Cool season grasses have emerged from dormancy and are progressing nicely.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Livestock producers continue to feed supplements to help livestock restore conditioning lost from the extreme winter weather experienced on the Eastern Plains of Colorado.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 22, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	2	10	49	37	2
Prev. Year - 2006	13	23	47	17	0
5-Year Avg.	19	27	37	16	1

SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	82	80
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	84	82

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 22, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	4	6	N/A	N/A
Jointed	33	18	43	36
Headed	1	0	1	1
Spring Barley				
Seeded	61	46	53	59
Emerg'd	27	12	21	23
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	51	28	31	43
Emerg'd	12	5	15	15
Corn				
Planted	8	3	12	8
Dry Onions				
Planted	79	62	81	80
Sugarbeets				
Planted	39	26	47	57
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	33	17	33	38

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	0	3	28	39	30
Spring Wheat	0	6	37	44	13
Winter Wheat	2	3	19	47	29

^{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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