



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was received across the State last week with the largest amount being reported along The Front Range. Many eastern counties experienced some hail which had minimal damage to the crops. Most areas reported temperatures above normal for this time of year. The weather conditions limited producers to 4.4 days of fieldwork for the week which has slowed spring planting operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	4	74	22
Last Week	2	13	77	8
Last Year	18	40	41	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	18	72	6
Last Week	7	21	67	5
Last Year	24	48	27	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was at 3 percent pastured with 53 percent jointed and 4 percent headed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 78 percent seeded with 41 percent at or beyond the emerged stage by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 59 percent seeded last week with 22 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Spring wheat was rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Planting operations continued with dry onions at 91 percent planted, summer potatoes at 40 percent planted, fall potatoes at 5 percent planted, and corn at 16 percent planted with 1 percent emerged. Sugarbeets were at 59 percent and 4 percent up to stand by the end of the week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 29, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	3	18	47	30
Last Year	9	19	34	35	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	6	30	39	23
Last Year	0	9	41	40	10
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	3	35	44	18

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions continued to improve this week due to the precipitation received last week. Pastures that were damaged by the hail are slowly greening back up.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Livestock producers rated their stored feed supplies at below average compared to previous years.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 29, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	2	9	44	40	5
Prev. Year - 2006	19	21	46	14	0
5-Year Avg.	20	26	37	16	1

SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	87	84
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	86	88

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 29, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	3	4	N/A	N/A
Jointed	53	33	58	53
Headed	2	1	3	3
Spring Barley				
Seeded	78	68	72	74
Emerged	41	27	26	33
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	59	51	46	57
Emerged	22	12	16	22
Corn				
Planted	16	8	24	19
Emerged	1	N/A	1	1
Sorghum				
Planted	1	N/A	10	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	91	62	81	80
Sugarbeets				
Planted	39	26	47	57
Up to Stand	4	N/A	0	6
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	33	17	33	38
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	5	N/A	3	6

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	2	6	30	39	23
Spring Wheat	0	3	35	44	18
Winter Wheat	2	3	18	47	30

^{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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