



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was extremely scarce across Colorado last week. Most areas reported very little, if any moisture being received. This, along with high winds on the Eastern Plains continued to reduce soil moisture statewide. Temperatures across the State were average or below-average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 6.2 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	36	49	1
Last Week	12	32	54	2
Last Year	1	7	75	17

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	36	46	3
Last Week	13	35	48	4
Last Year	5	19	70	6

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 51 percent jointed and 4 percent headed this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 64 percent seeded and 23 percent emerged by week's end and the crop is in mostly fair condition. Spring wheat was 46 percent planted, 15 percent emerged, and in mostly fair condition.

**Row Crops:** The 2008 corn crop was 17 percent planted last week. This is slightly ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Dry onions were 85 percent planted with the crop in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 31 percent planted while sugarbeets were 55 percent planted by week's end.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 27, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	10	21	40	22	7
Last Year	2	3	18	47	30
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	13	51	24	10
Last Year	1	5	30	39	25
Spring Wheat					
This Week	9	20	51	15	5
Last Year	0	4	35	44	17

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor last week. However, the alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Eighty-seven percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 85 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated at average. Stored feed supplies are slightly below average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 27, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	10	25	42	23	0
Prev. Year - 2007	2	10	45	39	4
5-Year Avg.	14	22	40	22	2

## Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	87	85
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	85	87

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 27, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	51	28	47	53
Headed	4	0	2	3
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	64	45	75	70
Emerged	23	9	37	30
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Planted	46	34	57	54
Emerged	15	8	19	20
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	17	6	14	15
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	85	72	88	90
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	31	19	38	39
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	55	34	53	65

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	2	13	51	24	10
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	10	21	40	22	7
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	9	20	51	15	5
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	3	30	46	20
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	10	54	36
<b>Livestock</b>	1	4	23	55	17

<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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