



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Scattered showers continued across Colorado last week. Most areas reported above average amounts of precipitation in the form of rain and snow. Temperatures were above average for the week as well. These conditions helped to advance plant emergence across the State. Spring planting operations were able to continue with 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	8	76	16
Last Week	0	4	74	22
Last Year	21	40	39	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	15	77	6
Last Week	4	18	72	6
Last Year	25	52	23	0

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was at 74 percent jointed and 8 percent headed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 92 percent seeded with 59 percent emerged by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was 72 percent seeded last week with 36 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Spring wheat was rated in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** Dry onions were at 98 percent planted with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 52 percent planted and 5 percent emerged and fall potatoes were 30 percent planted. Corn was at 38 percent planted with 5 percent emerged. Sugarbeets were at 71 percent planted and 12 percent up to stand by the end of the week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 6, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	2	3	15	52	28
Last Year	12	21	38	26	3
<b>Spring Barley</b>					
This Week	2	6	23	41	28
Last Year	0	3	40	50	7
<b>Spring Wheat</b>					
This Week	1	5	30	44	20
Last Year	0	4	44	44	8

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions improved slightly last week due to the favorable weather. Conditions continue to be better than last year and the 5-year average.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep continued to be rated at average for the week. Livestock condition is rated in mostly good to excellent. Stored feed supplies are slightly below average compared to previous years.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 6, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	1	4	40	46	9
Prev. Year - 2006	2	9	44	40	5
5-Year Avg.	19	27	36	17	1

## SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	92	88
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	92	91

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 6, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	74	53	73	68
Headed	8	2	10	9
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	92	78	88	87
Emerg'd	59	41	39	49
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	72	59	65	70
Emerg'd	36	22	25	35
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	38	16	35	36
Emerg'd	5	1	3	4
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	7	1	14	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	98	91	95	96
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	71	59	72	82
Up to Stand	12	4	4	20
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	52	40	47	55
Emerg'd	5	0	5	12
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	30	5	26	24

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	2	6	23	41	28
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	1	5	30	44	20
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	2	3	15	52	28
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	5	32	42	20
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	2	34	50	14
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	4	28	40	28

<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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