



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was below average for most of Colorado last week. The Denver area and Western Slope did however report above average moisture. Soil moisture remains low throughout the state. Temperatures across the State were below-average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 6.1 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	43	42	0
Last Week	14	36	49	1
Last Year	0	7	75	18

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	38	42	2
Last Week	15	36	46	3
Last Year	3	16	76	5

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 71 percent jointed and 9 percent headed this week with the crop rated in mostly poor to fair condition. Spring barley was 89 percent seeded and 43 percent emerged by week's end and the crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 56 percent planted, 25 percent emerged, and in mostly fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 38 percent planted and 3 percent emerged last week. Dry onions were 88 percent planted with the crop in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 38 percent planted while sugarbeets were 68 percent planted by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 4, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	14	24	33	23	6
Last Year	2	3	16	50	29
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	5	32	45	16
Last Year	2	6	25	40	27
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	2	32	38	27
Last Year	1	4	31	45	19

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: Ninety-two percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 90 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 May 4, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	7	35	35	22	1
Prev. Year - 2007	1	5	42	44	8
5-Year Avg.	12	21	39	25	3

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	92	90
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	90	91

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 4, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	71	51	68	69
Headed	9	4	6	7
Spring Barley				
Seeded	89	64	88	83
Emerged	43	23	54	44
Spring Wheat				
Planted	56	46	68	66
Emerged	25	15	32	30
Corn				
Planted	38	17	32	29
Emerged	3	0	4	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	88	85	96	94
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	38	31	49	48
Emerged	0	0	4	10
Sugarbeets				
Planted	68	55	75	76
Up to Stand	0	0	10	16
Sorghum				
Planted	1	0	5	6

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	2	5	32	45	16
Winter Wheat	14	24	33	23	6
Spring Wheat	7	18	45	20	10
Alfalfa	0	6	30	45	19
Dry Onions	0	0	9	65	26
Sugarbeets	0	0	50	50	0
Livestock	1	5	25	55	15

^{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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