



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The widespread snowpack received during mid-winter continues to melt across the Eastern Plains of Colorado. The warming conditions reported last week continue to aid good stands of winter wheat. Slowly drying fields have producers beginning early spring fieldwork. Rainfall was received at the end of last week across the Front Range and Eastern Plains of Colorado. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 4 days in the field to begin fieldwork and other operations.

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received last week. Cool season grasses continue to emerge from dormancy.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. The wet weather conditions have especially been hard on new born livestock with high levels of illness such as scours and pneumonia being reported. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	9	81	10
Last Week	0	6	77	17
Last Year	13	24	54	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	16	70	9
Last Week	8	14	62	16
Last Year	16	42	41	1

Field Crops: Nineteen percent of winter wheat was reported being pastured last week which is the highest level pastured in 27 years. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 10 percent seeded by week's end. Producers continue to plant crops with dry onions 7 percent and sugarbeets at 2 percent planted by the end of the week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 25, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	0	28	43	27	2
Prev. Year - 2005	9	24	47	19	1
5-Year Avg.	19	29	37	14	1

Spring 2007 Calving and Lambing

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	55	54
Ewes Lamed since Jan 1	44	42

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 25, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	2	15	66	16
Last Year	4	17	33	35	11

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 25, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	19	4	9	6
Jointed	1	0	1	1
Spring Barley				
Seeded	10	2	13	15
Dry Onions				
Planted	7	0	17	22
Sugarbeets				
Planted	2	0	0	4

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	2	15	66	16

^{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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