



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Moisture was received last week across the Front Range and in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Snow accumulations along the Front Range were anywhere from 2 to 7 inches. Severe weather with hail and a tornado nearly 200 yards wide was reported mid-week in the southeast corner of the state. The snow fall received in the Northern Rocky Mountains will help maintain snowpack levels which will aid irrigation needs during the summer. Producers are trying to begin early spring fieldwork but high moisture levels continue to slow planting in areas along the Front Range and northeast Colorado. Although Eastern Colorado has received good levels of moisture the Western counties have received lower than average levels of precipitation for March. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 5.0 days in the field to begin fieldwork and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	9	77	10
Last Week	0	9	81	10
Last Year	9	24	64	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	15	73	7
Last Week	5	16	70	9
Last Year	19	40	41	0

**Field Crops:** Winter wheat was at 14 percent pastured with 3 percent jointed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 17 percent seeded with 1 percent at or beyond the emerged stage by week's end. Spring wheat was 8 percent seeded last week with 1 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Producers continue to plant crops with dry onions at 26 percent and sugarbeets at 8 percent planted by the end of the week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 1, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	2	4	16	41	37
Last Year	6	16	31	39	8

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions were steady thanks to the warmer weather and 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 to help livestock restore conditioning lost from the extreme winter weather experienced on the Eastern Plains of Colorado.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 1, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	2	20	49	27	2
Prev. Year – 2006	12	26	46	16	0
5-Year Avg.	19	29	36	15	1

## SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	60	61
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	55	53

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 1, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	14	19	12	10
Jointed	3	1	5	3
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	17	10	17	21
Emerged	1	0	3	5
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	8	1	8	12
Emerged	1	0	1	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	26	7	25	35
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	8	2	2	11

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	2	4	16	41	37

<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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