



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received above average amounts of precipitation last week. However, Colorado Springs and the San Luis Valley received slightly below average moisture. Snowpack is up 8 percent from the previous week to 130 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the State were below average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 4.9 days in the field for spring operations.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State.

Livestock: Seventy-six percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 69 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated average. Stored feed supplies are also rated average for this time of year.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	28	56	3
Last Week	17	30	48	5
Last Year	3	6	82	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	33	52	2
Last Week	14	32	49	5
Last Year	6	20	71	3

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 13, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	7	23	41	28	1
Prev. Year – 2007	7	22	47	23	1
5-Year Avg.	2	13	44	39	2

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 2 percent pastured and 20 percent jointed this week, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 32 percent seeded by week's end, up 10 percent from the previous week. Dry onions were 50 percent planted and spring wheat was 24 percent seeded. Sugarbeets were 9 percent planted and corn was 3 percent planted by week's end.

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	76	74
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	69	71

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 13, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	11	20	34	26	9
Last Year	2	3	17	38	40

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 13, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	2	5	7	1
Jointed	20	7	15	18
Spring Barley				
Seeded	32	22	41	38
Emerged	7	6	11	14
Spring Wheat				
Planted	24	15	24	28
Emerged	6	4	4	9
Corn				
Planted	3	0	2	2
Dry Onions				
Planted	50	35	57	62
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	10	3	15	18
Sugarbeets				
Planted	20	9	22	34

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	11	20	34	26	9
Livestock	1	3	25	60	11

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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