



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received below average amounts of moisture and temperatures were around 5 degrees above normal for this time of year. The mountain snowpack was 74 percent of the average, 15 below last week. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 2 | 19 | 75 | 4 |
| Last Week | 2 | 12 | 75 | 11 |
| Last Year | 16 | 41 | 42 | 1 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 10 | 25 | 59 | 6 |
| Last Week | 12 | 24 | 57 | 7 |
| Last Year | 18 | 40 | 41 | 1 |

Small Grains: The winter wheat crop was reported being 79 percent jointed and 10 percent headed last week, with the crop in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 85 percent seeded and 55 percent emerged by week's end and rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 70 percent planted and 36 percent emerged with the crop rated in fair to good condition.

Row Crops: The 2009 corn crop progressed to 44 percent planted and 8 percent emerged, while sorghum was 5 percent planted last week. Dry onions were 97 percent planted and in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 78 percent planted and 19 percent up to stand. Summer potatoes were 35 percent planted and 4 percent emerged while fall potatoes were 39 percent planted. Farmers had 3 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 10, 2009

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 1 | 7 | 20 | 52 | 20 |
| Last Year | 14 | 25 | 33 | 22 | 6 |
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 0 | 16 | 55 | 29 |
| Last Year | 2 | 5 | 29 | 44 | 20 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 0 | 32 | 53 | 15 |
| Last Year | 5 | 15 | 41 | 24 | 15 |

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 2 percent of the first cutting complete.

Livestock: Ninety-two percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 94 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle were rated average last week. Death losses for sheep and stored feed supplies were rated slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 10, 2009

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2009 | 5 | 20 | 48 | 25 | 2 |
| Prev. Year - 2008 | 9 | 31 | 39 | 20 | 1 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 11 | 21 | 39 | 26 | 3 |

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

| | 2009 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|
| Cows Calved since Jan 1 | 92 | 94 |
| Ewes Lambed since Jan 1 | 94 | 95 |

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 10, 2009

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Jointed | 79 | 61 | 80 | 82 |
| Headed | 10 | 6 | 13 | 18 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 85 | 60 | 93 | 93 |
| Emerged | 55 | 35 | 61 | 57 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 70 | 49 | 66 | 73 |
| Emerged | 36 | 20 | 33 | 37 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 78 | 56 | 75 | 89 |
| Up to Stand | 19 | 4 | 7 | 20 |
| Summer Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted | 35 | 22 | 45 | 52 |
| Emerged | 4 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted | 39 | N/A | N/A | 30 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 44 | 22 | 53 | 49 |
| Emerged | 8 | 6 | 11 | 10 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 5 | 4 | 6 | 11 |
| Sunflowers, All | | | | |
| Planted | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Dry Onions | | | | |
| Planted | 97 | 85 | 92 | 97 |

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 0 | 1 | 17 | 60 | 22 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 0 | 3 | 83 | 14 |
| Dry Onions | 0 | 0 | 12 | 75 | 13 |
| Livestock | 1 | 3 | 16 | 57 | 23 |

^{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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