



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado received above average amounts of precipitation during the week and temperatures were normal for this time of year. The additional moisture helped crops that were already in the ground but slowed planting for the week. Farmers were able to work 5.2 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	22	70	7
Last Week	3	24	67	6
Last Year	29	40	30	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	29	54	6
Last Week	12	29	54	5
Last Year	26	42	31	1

**Small Grains:** The winter wheat crop was reported as being 99 percent jointed and 74 percent headed last week, with the crop in mostly good condition. Spring barley planting was complete for this year's growing season. It was 98 percent emerged by week's end and rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat planting was also complete as well as 97 percent emerged, 15 points above the 5 year average. The crop was rated in excellent condition.

**Row Crops:** The 2009 corn crop progressed to 90 percent planted, 58 percent emerged and in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 27 percent planted, 11 points behind the 5 year average. Dry onions are in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 99 percent planted and 73 percent up to stand, 20 points higher than last week. Summer potatoes were 66 percent planted and 34 percent emerged, 20 points below the 5 year average. Fall potatoes were 99 percent planted and 2 percent emerged. Farmers had 42 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 31, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	6	19	50	24
Last Year	20	31	34	14	1
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	15	43	42
Last Year	2	8	28	38	24
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	18	27	45
Last Year	2	11	28	35	24

**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 13 percent of the first cutting complete.

**Livestock:** Spring calving and lambing has come to completion for the 2009 season. Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated average last week. Stored feed supplies were rated slightly above average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 31, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	2	9	39	41	9
Prev. Year - 2008	27	28	31	13	1
5-Year Avg.	16	21	30	28	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 31, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	99	94	99	99
Headed	74	50	55	79
Turning Color	1	0	2	3
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Emerging	98	92	97	94
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Emerging	97	85	82	82
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	99	94	100	100
Up to Stand	73	53	61	77
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	66	55	79	85
Emerging	34	20	42	54
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	99	93	98	91
Emerging	2	1	9	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	90	79	97	97
Emerging	58	43	68	70
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	27	15	28	38
<b>Sunflowers, All</b>				
Planted	42	20	34	34
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	20	9	23	33
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	13	10	28	30

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	2	10	58	30
<b>Corn</b>	0	1	6	62	31
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	0	6	69	25
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	5	85	10
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	2	6	65	27
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	17	70	10

<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.