



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado received below normal amounts of moisture throughout the week. The Southern and Western regions, however, received slightly above normal amounts of precipitation. Temperatures were below average all over Colorado during the week. Overall, mountain snowpack is 101 percent of the average, down from last week's 104 percent. Farmers were allowed 4.4 days in the field for spring operations.

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

**Livestock:** Seventy-three percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 72 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep are rated below average. Stored feed supplies are rated slightly above average for this time of year.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	27	61	4
Last Week	8	33	55	4
Last Year	14	28	55	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	35	47	4
Last Week	16	39	42	3
Last Year	13	33	52	2

**Field Crops:** The winter wheat crop was reported being 5 percent pastured and 16 percent jointed last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 23 percent seeded and 4 percent emerged by week's end and rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 22 percent planted and 5 percent emerged. Dry onions were 45 percent planted, 12 percent below the 5 year average. Sugarbeets were 14 percent planted and summer potatoes were 7 percent planted, 7 percent below the 5 year average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 12, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	14	34	35	16	1
Prev. Year - 2008	7	23	42	27	1
5-Year Avg.	9	22	40	27	2

## Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	73	73
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	72	70

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 12, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	3	11	30	46	10
Last Year	11	20	34	26	9

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 12, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	5	8	2	1
Jointed	16	9	18	18
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	23	21	31	34
Emerged	4	3	7	12
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Planted	22	17	23	24
Emerged	5	4	6	8
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	14	11	18	30
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	7	2	9	14
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	2	0	3	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	45	35	48	57

### COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	4	19	67	9

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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