



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado did not receive any moisture last week and temperatures averaged about 7 degrees above normal. The above average precipitation received two weeks ago and the warm temperatures last week provided excellent conditions for spring growth. The mountain snowpack was 98 percent of the average, 13 below last week. Farmers were allowed 4.7 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	15	73	10
Last Week	6	20	65	9
Last Year	14	35	50	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	26	56	7
Last Week	11	29	52	8
Last Year	15	35	47	3

Field Crops: The winter wheat crop was reported being 41 percent jointed, and 3 percent headed last week. The moisture and warm temperatures kept the crop rating in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 40 percent seeded and 21 percent emerged by week's end and rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 35 percent planted and 15 percent emerged with the crop rated in fair to good condition. Dry onions were 75 percent planted and in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 38 percent planted while summer potatoes were 18 percent planted by week's end. Corn progressed to 13 percent planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 26, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	7	23	46	22
Last Year	10	21	40	22	7
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	21	68	11
Last Year	3	14	51	23	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	44	56	0
Last Year	9	20	51	15	5

Pasture and Range: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor.

Livestock: Eighty-six percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 84 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle were rated at average last week. Sheep losses and stored feed supplies were rated slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 26, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	42	37	17	0
Prev. Year - 2008	10	25	42	23	0
5-Year Avg.	9	20	43	26	2

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	86	86
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	84	86

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 26, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	41	24	48	49
Headed	3	1	3	3
Spring Barley				
Planted	40	34	61	67
Emerged	21	19	21	28
Spring Wheat				
Planted	35	27	44	51
Emerged	15	12	14	18
Sugarbeets				
Planted	38	26	52	62
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	18	14	29	34
Corn				
Planted	13	8	15	15
Dry Onions				
Planted	75	60	83	86

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Dry Onions	0	0	29	67	4
Livestock	1	3	19	69	8

^{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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