



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The southern region of Colorado received below average amounts of moisture. The rest of the state, however, benefited from above normal precipitation totals. Temperatures throughout the state were typical for this time of year. The mountain snowpack was 89 percent of the average, 9 below last week. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	12	75	11
Last Week	2	15	73	10
Last Year	15	42	43	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	24	57	7
Last Week	11	26	56	7
Last Year	18	37	43	2

Field Crops: The winter wheat crop was reported being 61 percent jointed and 6 percent headed last week, with the crop in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 60 percent seeded and 35 percent emerged by week's end and rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 49 percent planted and 20 percent emerged with the crop rated in fair to good condition. Dry onions were 85 percent planted and in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 56 percent planted and 4 percent up to stand while summer potatoes were 22 percent planted by week's end. Corn progressed to 22 percent planted and 6 percent emerged, while sorghum was 4 percent planted last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 03, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	7	22	47	22
Last Year	13	24	34	23	6
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	22	58	20
Last Year	2	6	35	42	15
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	40	60	0
Last Year	7	18	47	19	9

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

Livestock: Eighty-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 88 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated at average last week. Stored feed supplies were rated slightly below average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 03, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	3	35	47	14	1
Prev. Year - 2008	7	34	36	22	1
5-Year Avg.	9	21	41	26	3

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	88	90
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	88	91

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 03, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	61	41	68	67
Headed	6	3	8	7
Spring Barley				
Planted	60	40	85	82
Emerged	35	21	40	40
Spring Wheat				
Planted	49	35	55	61
Emerged	20	15	24	26
Sugarbeets				
Planted	56	38	66	73
Up to Stand	4	0	0	8
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	22	18	37	41
Corn				
Planted	22	13	35	28
Emerged	6	0	3	3
Sorghum				
Planted	4	0	1	5
Dry Onions				
Planted	85	75	88	92

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Dry Onions	0	0	24	63	13
Livestock	1	5	30	55	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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