



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado's Front Range experience precipitation levels below average for this time of year, while the western and southern areas of the State received above average totals. Most of the State experienced above average temperatures last week. Overall, mountain snowpack is 86 percent of the average. Farmers were allowed 1.7 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	9	74	16
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	37	48	13	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	13	76	10
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	17	37	43	3

**Small Grains:** Four percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition with 15 percent rated excellent. Spring barley was 4 percent seeded by the end of the week, a little behind last year's 7 percent and the 5-year average of 5 percent. Producers made progress seeding spring wheat which was 1 percent seeded at week's end compared to 2 percent last year at this time. The 5-year average is less than 1 percent.

**Row Crops:** Onion growers were busy planting 4 percent of the acreage compared with 3 percent last year and 5 percent on average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 14, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	6	25	53	15
Last Year	8	13	28	38	13

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly good to fair across the State with 51 percent rated good to excellent. Last year only 15 percent was rated good to excellent at this time compared with the 5-year average at 20 percent.

**Livestock:** Forty percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 30 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 14, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	5	20	24	47	4
Prev. Year - 2009	23	27	35	14	1
5-Year Avg.	11	27	42	19	1

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	40	38
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	30	28

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 14, 2010

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	4	N/A	13	9
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	4	N/A	7	5
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	1	N/A	2	0
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	4	N/A	3	5

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	5	20	24	47	4

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.