



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 87 percent of the average. Due to the muddy condition of most fields farmers were only allowed 2.6 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	7	82	11
Last Week	1	9	74	16
Last Year	41	47	11	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	11	81	7
Last Week	1	13	76	10
Last Year	21	39	39	1

**Small Grains:** Eleven percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition with 20 percent rated excellent, an increase of 5 percentage points from last week. Spring barley was 10 percent seeded by the end of the week, the same as the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 3 percent seeded at week's end, the same as the 5-year average but 4 percentage points behind last year at this time. Sugarbeet planting is delayed this year due to planting date changes for crop insurance.

**Row Crops:** Dry Onions were 10 percent planted at week's end, 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 21, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	5	24	50	20
Last Year	5	14	35	42	4

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

**Livestock:** Fifty-one percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 39 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 21, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	3	10	28	56	3
Prev. Year – 2009	35	26	29	9	1
5-Year Avg.	11	24	43	21	1

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	51	49
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	39	37

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 21, 2010

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	11	4	17	12
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	10	4	14	10
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	3	1	7	3
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	10	4	18	12

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	4	20	61	15

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