



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels above average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were slightly below normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 89 percent of the average. Due to the muddy condition of most fields farmers were only allowed 2.7 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	6	87	6
Last Week	0	7	82	11
Last Year	18	41	37	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	8	87	4
Last Week	1	11	81	7
Last Year	16	42	41	1

**Small Grains:** Only 3 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was 4 percent jointed compared with 2 percent on average and was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 12 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind the 5-year average by 3 percentage points. Spring wheat was 7 percent seeded at week's end, the same as the 5-year average. Barley and spring wheat were reported 3 and 4 percent emerged, respectively. Sugarbeet planting is delayed this year due to planting date changes for crop insurance.

**Row Crops:** Dry Onions were 12 percent planted at week's end, significantly behind the 5-year average of 24 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 28, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	4	20	53	23
Last Year	4	12	34	44	6

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

**Livestock:** Fifty-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 47 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 28, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	26	22	49	2
Prev. Year - 2009	14	35	33	17	1
5-Year Avg.	7	27	42	22	2

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	58	58
Ewes Lamed since Jan 1	47	47

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 28, 2010

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	3	11	20	14
Jointed	4	0	2	2
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	12	10	18	15
Emerged	3	0	1	1
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	7	3	11	7
Emerged	4	0	1	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	12	10	29	24

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	14	78	5

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