



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. A few southern parts of the State received above average moisture. Temperatures across the state were higher than normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 77 percent of the average. Warm temperatures, but windy conditions in some areas, continued last week allowing farmers 5.5 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	9	87	3
Last Week	1	18	78	3
Last Year	6	21	65	8

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	8	89	2
Last Week	1	14	83	2
Last Year	11	30	52	7

**Small Grains:** Four percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week, one percentage point less than the previous week but 3 points greater than the 5-year average. The crop was 17 percent jointed, off the pace of the 5-year average by 11 percentage points, but was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 34 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind the 5-year average by 12 percentage points. Spring wheat was 25 percent seeded at week's end, still behind the 5-year average of 34 percent. Barley and spring wheat were reported 15 and 14 percent emerged, respectively.

**Row Crops:** Farmers made a little progress in planting corn last week reaching 3 percent complete compared with 7 percent last year and 6 percent for the 5-year average. Dry Onions were 54 percent planted at week's end, still significantly behind the 5-year average of 69 percent with a condition rating of mostly good to fair.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending April 18, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	3	20	52	25
Last Year	2	8	27	48	15

Growers made progress planting sugarbeets last week with 21 percent in the ground by the end of the week. A little progress was made planting summer potatoes last week as only 7 percent are now planted compared with a 5-year average of 20 percent.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly good to fair across the State. Last year at this time they were rated mostly fair to very poor.

**Livestock:** Eighty-one percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 76 percent of the ewes have lambled 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 April 18, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	7	36	55	2
Prev. Year - 2009	21	26	35	16	2
5-Year Avg.	9	21	42	26	2

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	81	79
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	76	77

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 18, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	4	5	5	1
Jointed	17	12	23	28
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	34	18	33	46
Emerged	15	7	17	18
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	25	13	26	34
Emerged	14	7	11	12
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	3	1	7	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	54	34	62	69
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	21	8	24	36
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	7	2	14	20

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	18	74	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	45	55	0

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