



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado received some precipitation last week, especially along the I-70 corridor. The southern regions and southeastern corner reported very limited precipitation. The State also experienced below average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack jumped to 207 percent of average with the northern regions rated at 227 percent of average, the southern regions rating increased to 120 percent of average, and the Arkansas River valley rated at 159 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 4.4 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	15	59	4
Last Week	20	19	57	4
Last Year	0	9	86	5

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	22	52	1
Last Week	25	28	44	3
Last Year	0	7	89	4

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 85 percent jointed with 24 percent headed at the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly fair condition. Spring barley was 79 percent emerged and rated in mostly fair condition. Spring wheat was 90 percent seeded with 59 percent emerged and rated in mostly fair condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn plantings progressed last week to 86 percent planted with 20 percent emerged. Sorghum plantings increased to 10 percent planted by the week's end. Sugarbeets reached 95 percent planted with 45 percent up to stand. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 54 percent planted with 6 percent emerged and fall potatoes were 74 percent planted by the end of last week. Sunflower planting reached 4 percent planted last week. Dry beans reached 19 percent planted.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 22, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	19	21	36	22	2
Last Year	0	2	18	62	18
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	6	51	39	4
Last Year	0	18	39	35	8
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	5	55	35	5
Last Year	0	13	47	38	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly poor to fair condition across the State due to drier conditions in the Southeast. Reports of cooler temperatures are slowing new growth in some areas. Alfalfa cuttings progressed slowly to 4 percent of the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting complete, with the crop rated in fair to good condition.

**Livestock:** Reports of possible herd reductions have surfaced due to the reduced range conditions and dry weather in the Southeastern and Southern parts of the State. Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the rest of the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Some feed shortages were reported in the southeastern corner of the State.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 22, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	13	35	33	18	1
Prev. Year - 2010	0	5	24	63	8
5-Year Avg.	10	16	33	36	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 22, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	85	77	87	94
Headed	24	14	19	40
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Emerged	79	66	88	86
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	90	72	97	93
Emerged	59	40	79	70
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	86	75	89	84
Emerged	20	6	32	38
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	10	5	27	21
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	95	70	98	97
Up to Stand	45	23	43	43
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	4	1	13	17
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	4	2	10	10
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	19	9	7	6
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	74	45	86	83
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	54	45	71	66
Emerged	6	2	15	23

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	2	34	59	4
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	2	17	68	12
<b>Alfalfa</b>	2	11	41	39	7
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	6	34	48	12

<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.