



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced above average temperatures but below average precipitation last week continuing drought-like conditions in some parts of the State. Wildfires with high winds have been reported in eastern Colorado. Overall, mountain snowpack is 111 percent of average. The snowpack in the San Luis Valley is rated at only 80 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	41	36	21	2
Last Week	37	41	20	2
Last Year	1	6	86	7

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	36	38	24	2
Last Week	34	43	21	2
Last Year	1	9	86	4

**Small Grains:** Four percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week, a drop from the 5-year average of 12 percent. The crop was rated in mostly fair to poor condition due to a very dry winter. Spring barley was 20 percent seeded with 5 percent emerged by the end of the week. The planting of spring wheat increased to 10 percent which is 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average of 6 percent.

**Row Crops:** Onion plantings increased to 26 percent of the acreage compared with 12 percent last year and 18 percent on average. Summer potatoes were 1 percent planted by the end of last week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 27, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	19	36	32	12	1
Last Year	0	4	21	53	22

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State due to the limited moisture.

**Livestock:** Cows that have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> increased to 57 percent while 43 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 27, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	8	20	37	32	3
Prev. Year - 2010	1	24	23	50	2
5-Year Avg.	7	27	39	26	1

## Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	57	57
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	43	46

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 27, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	4	5	4	12
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	20	15	12	13
Emerged	5	N/A	3	1
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	10	7	6	6
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	26	18	12	18
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	1	N/A	---	---

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	44	48	6

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