



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received some precipitation last week in the San Luis Valley and the mountains but received little precipitation in the Plains region with levels still below average for this time of year. The State also experienced cooler, below average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 144 percent of average with the northern regions rated at 166 percent of average and the southern regions rated at only 89 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	30	36	3
Last Week	29	30	37	4
Last Year	1	9	86	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	31	35	3
Last Week	30	36	31	3
Last Year	1	8	89	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 67 percent jointed with 8 percent headed. The crop is rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 89 percent seeded with 47 percent emerged, 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 67 percent seeded with 23 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn plantings progressed rapidly last week to 51 percent planted largely due to the dryer weather in the Eastern Colorado Plains. Sorghum plantings started last week with 1 percent planted by the week's end. Sugarbeets reached 50 percent planted, compared to the 5-year average of 79 percent. Onion plantings increased to 95 percent with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 35 percent planted and fall potatoes were 20 percent planted by the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 8, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	18	23	37	21	1
Last Year	0	3	15	58	24

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair to poor condition across the State due to the continuing dry weather.

Livestock: Cows that have calved and ewes that have lambed since January 1st increased to 91 percent. Reports of continuing cold and wet weather in the mountainous regions has been causing higher than normal calf losses for those areas. 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.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 8, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	14	34	36	13	3
Prev. Year - 2010	0	4	23	64	9
5-Year Avg.	7	18	38	33	4

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	91	93
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	91	94

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 8, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	67	50	67	75
Headed	8	N/A	2	9
Spring Barley				
Seeded	89	70	89	89
Emerged	47	30	59	54
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	67	60	76	69
Emerged	23	13	43	34
Corn				
Planted	51	18	55	45
Sorghum				
Planted	1	N/A	15	10
Sugarbeets				
Planted	50	35	87	79
Dry Onions				
Planted	95	84	85	93
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	20	N/A	21	24
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	35	30	38	43

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	32	60	4
Dry Onions	1	2	22	64	11

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