



Colorado Crop Progress

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SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 26, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	30	55	15
Last Year	0	1	18	64	17
Spring Wheat					
This Week	10	11	31	33	15
Last Year	0	1	46	52	1
Winter Wheat					
This Week	29	20	33	16	2
Last Year	5	15	37	38	5

Agricultural Summary: Much needed precipitation fell across Colorado last week in the form of isolated thunderstorms with the heaviest amounts concentrated to the east. Growers made up for a slow start as planting progress improved significantly as weather conditions improved. Warm temperatures accelerated crop development across the State last week. As of May 28, mountain snowpack measured 71 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	33	45	1
Last Week	17	28	52	3
Last Year	18	34	47	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	39	39	22	0
Last Week	29	43	28	0
Last Year	20	36	44	0

Small Grains: For the week ending May 26th, 87 percent of the winter wheat crop had reached the jointing stage. This is an increase of 31 percentage points from last week. Crop condition remained mostly fair to very poor. Emergence of barley reached 84 percent, up 8 percentage points from last week. Spring wheat was 78 percent emerged by the end of the week, up 20 percentage points from the previous week.

Row Crops: Planting of sugarbeets advanced 13 percentage points from last week to 79 percent by week's end while 46 percent had emerged. Farmers made significant progress with corn last week reaching 93 percent planted, surpassing the 5-year average pace by 2 percentage points. Fifty-nine percent had emerged, up 43 percentage points from last week. Fall potatoes were 90 percent planted by week's end, a considerable gain of 20 percentage points from last week. Summer potatoes plantings were virtually complete by week's end, with forty-five percent of the crop emerged. Sunflowers were 10 percent planted, behind the average of 21 percent. The sorghum crop was 13 percent planted by week's end, behind last year and the average.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions continued to improve, but only slightly with 45 percent rated very poor to poor, compared with 48 percent the week prior. This is compared with the five-year average of 29 percent very poor to poor. The first cutting of alfalfa continued last week reaching 9 percent completed by week's end.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 26, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	20	25	42	13	0
Prev. Year - 2012	6	30	39	24	1
5-Year Avg.	8	21	35	33	3

Livestock: Condition of livestock remained mostly good to fair last week.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 26, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	9	2	34	17
Corn				
Planted	93	59	98	91
Emerged	59	16	75	52
Dry Beans				
Planted	8	2	27	18
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	90	70	93	90
Emerged	3	-	14	6
Sorghum				
Planted	13	3	42	25
Spring Barley				
Emerged	84	76	99	93
Headed	-	N/A	4	1
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	78	58	96	81
Headed	1	N/A	3	1
Sugarbeets				
Planted	79	66	100	98
Up to Stand	46	22	91	62
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	99	77	99	74
Emerged	45	11	95	39
Sunflowers				
Planted	10	3	25	21
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	87	56	100	95
Headed	10	1	98	55

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	9	27	55	8
Dry Onions	0	0	11	79	10
Livestock	2	5	28	62	3

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

Special Note

NASS Survey Update!

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**