



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Field preparations and small grain seeding occurred in greater frequency last week. Lower levels of precipitation were concentrated in and along the front range or at higher altitudes. Strong winds reportedly dried out moisture supplies in isolated areas while localized presence of grain mites and army cutworms were reported in in the east central district. Overall, mountain snowpack was 113 percent of average as of March 27. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	35	46	2
Last Week	13	35	49	3
Last Year	22	29	48	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	33	42	1
Last Week	24	31	43	2
Last Year	40	44	16	0

**Small Grains:** Last week, producers seeded five percent of the state's spring wheat crop, up from 1 percent previously. Spring barley was 12 percent seeded, an advance of 8 percentage points from the previous week. By week's end, 2 percent of the winter wheat crop had reached the jointing stage while 4 percent was pastured.

**Row Crops:** Fourteen percent of the state's dry onions were planted by the end of last week, up from 5 percent the week prior. Sugarbeets planted ended on 6 percent complete, up from 2 percent previously.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 30, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	17	16	33	30	4
Last Year	24	19	45	12	0

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State. Last year, 21 percent was rated fair to good while 55 percent is fair to good on average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 30, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	10	26	34	29	1
Prev. Year - 2013	52	27	19	2	0
5-Year Avg.	17	27	32	23	1

**Livestock:** Sixty-four percent of cows have calved and 50 percent of the ewes have lambed since January 1. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average. Stored feed supplies were rated primarily adequate to short for this time of year.

## Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	64	62
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	50	49

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 30, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	14	5	19	24
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	12	4	14	19
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	5	1	9	13
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	6	2	-	3
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	2	N/A	-	4
Pastured	4	4	2	8

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	4	30	57	8

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