



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced scattered showers, especially in the San Luis Valley, but the State, overall, still received below average precipitation with slightly above average temperatures. The much needed moisture aided in crop and pasture growth, improving conditions for certain crops. Overall, the mountain snowpack is 13 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	29	58	3
Last Week	14	29	56	1
Last Year	23	22	51	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	39	47	0
Last Week	12	35	53	0
Last Year	27	29	41	3

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat progress increased to 98 percent jointed and 64 percent headed, compared with the 5-year averages of 82 percent and 14 percent, respectively. Three percent of the crop was reported turning color as of last week. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring barley was 94 percent seeded with 69 percent emerged by the end of the week on par with the 5-year averages. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was reported 93 percent seeded and 50 percent emerged at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn progress increased to 84 percent planted, 21 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average with 33 percent emerged. Onion growers reported 99 percent of the acreage planted, with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potato plantings increased to 95 percent last week with 55 percent emerged compared to the 5-year averages of 48 percent and 6 percent, respectively. Fall potato plantings last week increased to 56 percent planted. Sugarbeet planting reached 96 percent planted. Fifty-nine percent of the crop

was up to stand, 37 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum progress increased to 18 percent planted while dry bean progress increased to 9 percent planted. Sunflower planting reached 7 percent by the end of the week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 13, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>					
This Week	0	0	37	57	6
Last Year	0	9	40	41	10
<b>Spring Wheat</b>					
This Week	0	0	32	62	6
Last Year	0	0	40	60	0
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	3	10	31	49	7
Last Year	17	24	38	20	1

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions increased last week to mostly fair to good condition across the State. Producers have reported early stocking of cattle on pastures due to the warmer temperatures and shortage of feed stores in certain areas. Alfalfa was reported in mostly fair to good condition last week.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 13, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	9	23	38	29	1
Prev. Year – 2011	15	28	38	16	3
5-Year Avg.	6	17	36	35	6

**Livestock:** Ninety-five percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 96 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Livestock condition remains in mostly good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average to short for this time of year.

## Spring 2012 Calving and Lambing

	2012	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	95	95
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	96	95

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	84	58	68	63
Emerged	33	11	4	11
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	9	3	6	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	99	96	96	96
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	56	34	38	44
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	18	11	4	11
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	94	83	93	94
Emerged	69	53	61	69
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	93	78	71	77
Emerged	50	45	35	46
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	96	84	64	84
Up to Stand	59	34	16	22
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	95	75	42	48
Emerged	55	33	1	6
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	7	2	1	5
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	98	87	74	82
Headed	64	25	12	14
Turning Color	3	N/A	-	-

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

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

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	4	45	43	8
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	22	75	3
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	0	26	67	7
<b>Livestock</b>	1	3	22	70	4

<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.