



Colorado Wheat  
Administrative Committee

# Colorado Wheat Outlook

May 15, 2020

## ★ Wheat Progress – 2020 Crop

May 11, 2020

### Winter Wheat

Jointed: 64%      Last year: 70%      5-yr ave: 76%

Headed: 11%      Last Year: 5%      5-yr ave: 10%

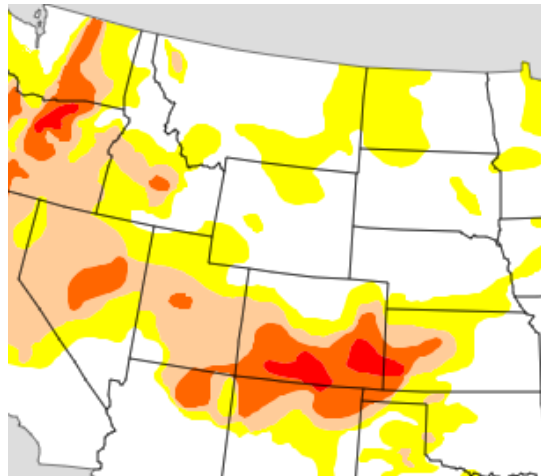
## ★ 2020 Winter Wheat Condition

April 19:	15% Very Poor	16% Poor	27% Fair	40% Good	2% Excellent
April 26:	15% Very Poor	19% Poor	29% Fair	35% Good	2% Excellent
May 4:	16% Very Poor	18% Poor	28% Fair	35% Good	3% Excellent
May 11:	19% Very Poor	19% Poor	27% Fair	33% Good	2% Excellent

## ★ Regional drought map

Colorado as of May 12th

16.5%	Abnormally dry
16.6%	Moderate drought
31.5%	Severe drought
14.6%	Extreme drought
0%	Exceptional drought



## ★ Moisture

As of May 11, 2020

### Topsoil:

20%	Very Short
33%	Short
48%	Adequate
0%	Surplus

### Subsoil:

16%	Very Short
27%	Short
57%	Adequate
0%	Surplus

## Colorado Wheat Stocks

As of March 1, 2020

- Total stocks: 39.79 million bushels (-11% from 3/1/19)
- On-farm stocks: 12.0 million bushels (unchanged)
- Off-farm stocks: 27.79 million bushels (-11% from 3/1/19)

## ★ 2020 Colorado Winter Wheat

As of May 12, 2020

- 1.85 million acres planted (-300,000 from 2019)
  - Revised down from 1.9 million reported last Fall
  - Lowest since 1945
- Winter wheat production in Colorado, based on conditions as of May 1, 2020, is forecast at **61.05 million** bushels, according to the Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by NASS

## ★ World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

As of May 12

- The initial outlook for 2020/21 U.S. wheat is for smaller supplies, decreased domestic use, lower exports, and reduced stocks.
- Supplies are decreased by 121 million bushels from 2019/20 on lower carry-in stocks and smaller production.
- The first 2020 NASS survey-based winter wheat production forecast of 1,255 million bushels is down 4 percent from 2019, on lower Hard Red Winter and White Winter production.
- Projected 2020/21 world ending stocks increased 5 percent to a **record-large 310.1 million tons** with China accounting for 52 percent of the total.

Sources: USDA NASS [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) | Drought.gov

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