



Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee

Colorado Wheat Outlook

As of May 12, 2023

★ Wheat Progress – 2023 Crop

May 7, 2023

Winter Wheat

Headed: 1%	Last Year: NA	5-yr ave: 2%
Jointed: 39%	Last Year: 53%	5-yr ave: 58%

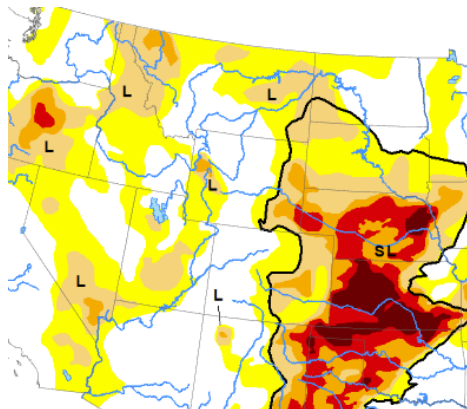
★ 2023 Winter Wheat Condition

April 17:	12% Very Poor	26% Poor	39% Fair	20% Good	3% Excellent
April 23:	7% Very Poor	32% Poor	38% Fair	19% Good	4% Excellent
April 30:	10% Very Poor	27% Poor	35% Fair	24% Good	4% Excellent
May 7:	14% Very Poor	33% Poor	31% Fair	21% Good	1% Excellent

★ Regional drought map

Colorado as of May 9, 2023

28.8% Abnormally dry
 20.6% Moderate drought
 7.8% Severe drought
 0.8% Extreme drought
 0.3% Exceptional drought



★ Moisture

As of April 30, 2023

Topsoil:

15% Very Short
 30% Short
 52% Adequate
 3% Surplus

Subsoil:

18% Very Short
 34% Short
 46% Adequate
 2% Surplus

Colorado Wheat Stocks

As of March 1, 2023

- Total stocks: 20.09 million bushels (down 19% from year ago)
- On-farm stocks: 3.5 million bushels (down 22% from year ago)
- Off-farm stocks: 16.59 million bushels (down 18% from year ago)

★ 2023 Colorado Winter Wheat

As of May 12, 2023

- Winter wheat production in Colorado, based on conditions as of May 1, 2023, is forecast at 49.50 million bushels according to USDA-NASS
- Average yield is forecast at 30.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year's yield.

★ World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

As of May 12, 2023

- The 2023/24 outlook for U.S. wheat is for reduced supplies and exports, increased domestic use, and smaller stocks compared with 2022/23. U.S. wheat supplies are forecast lower than last year with smaller beginning stocks and only slightly larger production.
- All wheat production is projected at 1,659 million bushels, up modestly from last year on increased harvested area.
- However, the harvest-to-plant ratio is down from last year with above-average abandonment in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.
- Total 2023/24 domestic use is projected at 1,112 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year, primarily on increased feed and residual use. Exports are projected at 725 million bushels, 50 million lower than last year. Ending stocks are projected 11 percent lower than last year and the lowest in 16 years.
- The global wheat outlook for 2023/24 is for lower supplies, trade, consumption, and ending stocks compared with 2022/23. Global production is forecast at a record 789.8 million tons, up 1.5 million.
- Larger crops in several countries, including Argentina, Canada, China, the EU, and India are partly offset by sizeable declines in Australia, Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.

Sources: USDA NASS www.nass.usda.gov | droughtmonitor.unl.edu

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