



Colorado Wheat  
Administrative Committee

# Colorado Wheat Outlook

As of May 26, 2023

## ★ Wheat Progress – 2023 Crop

May 21, 2023

### Winter Wheat

Headed: 32%	Last Year: 27%	5-yr ave: 29%
Jointed: 77%	Last Year: 84%	5-yr ave: 88%

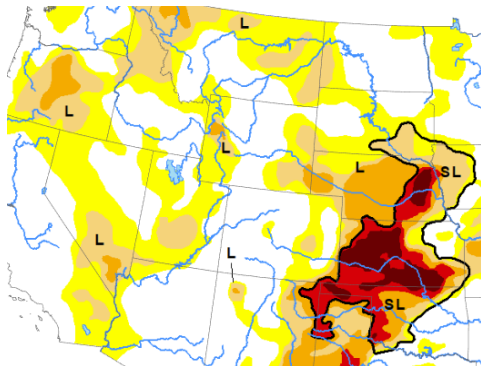
## ★ 2023 Winter Wheat Condition

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
May 14:	16% Very Poor	25% Poor	33% Fair	23% Good	3% Excellent
May 21:	14% Very Poor	28% Poor	29% Fair	25% Good	4% Excellent

## ★ Regional drought map

Colorado as of May 23, 2023

20.2% Abnormally dry  
5.3% Moderate drought  
1.7% Severe drought  
0.7% Extreme drought  
0.1% Exceptional drought



## 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.

## ★ Moisture

As of May 21, 2023

### Topsoil:

5% Very Short  
14% Short  
73% Adequate  
8% Surplus

### Subsoil:

11% Very Short  
22% Short  
64% Adequate  
3% Surplus

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

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