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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were higher than normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 90 percent of the average. Warm temperatures and windy conditions are beginning to dry out fields allowing farmers 4.9 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	10	83	6
Last Week	1	6	87	6
Last Year	9	34	53	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	10	86	3
Last Week	1	8	87	4
Last Year	16	39	42	3

Small Grains: Only 5 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was 7 percent jointed, on pace with the 5-year average and was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 14 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind the 5-year average by 8 percentage points. Spring wheat was 10 percent seeded at week's end, falling behind the 5-year average of 14 percent. Barley and spring wheat were reported 4 and 5 percent emerged, respectively.

Row Crops: Dry Onions were 21 percent planted at week's end, still significantly behind the 5-year average of 35 percent. Growers just started planting sugarbeets last week with 2 percent in the ground by the end of the week. Likewise, summer potatoes were 1 percent planted compared with a 5-year average of 4 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending April 4, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	3	24	46	27
Last Year	2	11	34	44	9

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State. Last year at this time they were rated mostly poor to fair.

Livestock: Sixty-seven percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 57 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending April 4, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	4	10	27	55	4
Prev. Year - 2009	12	36	36	16	0
5-Year Avg.	7	25	43	24	1

Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	67	65
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	57	57

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 4, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	5	3	10	8
Jointed	7	4	8	7
Spring Barley				
Seeded	14	12	21	22
Emerged	4	3	3	5
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	10	7	16	14
Emerged	5	4	4	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	21	12	34	35
Sugarbeets				
Planted	2	N/A	10	10
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	1	N/A	2	4

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	3	19	68	10

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