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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received some precipitation last week, especially in the Capital, but limited rainfall reached the Southeastern corner of the State. The State also experienced average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 160 percent of average with the northern regions rated at 180 percent of average and the southern regions rating increased to 98 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	20	19	57	4
Last Week	31	30	36	3
Last Year	0	10	86	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	28	44	3
Last Week	31	31	35	3
Last Year	0	7	91	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 77 percent jointed with 14 percent headed at the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 95 percent seeded with 66 percent emerged, 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 72 percent seeded with 40 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn plantings progressed rapidly last week to 75 percent planted with 6 percent emerged. Sorghum plantings increased to 5 percent planted by the week's end. Sugarbeets reached 70 percent planted with 23 percent up to stand. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Onion plantings increased to 96 percent with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 45 percent planted with 2 percent emerged and fall potatoes were 45 percent planted by the end of last week. Farmers started planting sunflowers and dry beans last week with 1 percent and 9 percent planted, respectively, at week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 15, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	17	24	39	19	1
Last Year	0	3	18	59	20
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	9	40	47	4
Last Week	0	11	45	38	6

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State due to drier conditions in the Southeast. Alfalfa cuttings started last week with 2 percent of the 1st cutting complete, with the crop rated in fair to good condition.

Livestock: Cows that have calved since January 1st increased to 93 percent. Ewes lambing were rated at 94 percent lambing during the same time frame. Reports of possible herd reductions have surfaced due to the reduced range conditions and dry weather in the Southeastern part of the State. Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the rest of the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 15, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	16	25	39	17	3
Prev. Year - 2010	1	4	21	62	12
5-Year Avg.	8	16	37	34	5

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	93	97
Ewes Lambing since Jan 1	94	97

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 15, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	77	67	78	87
Headed	14	8	5	20
Spring Barley				
Seeded	95	89	96	97
Emerged	66	47	78	73
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	72	67	90	83
Emerged	40	23	60	50
Corn				
Planted	75	51	76	68
Emerged	6	N/A	5	16
Sorghum				
Planted	5	1	23	15
Sugarbeets				
Planted	70	50	93	92
Up to Stand	23	N/A	29	27
Sunflowers				
Planted	1	N/A	5	8
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	2	N/A	2	5
Dry Beans				
Planted	9	N/A	1	2
Dry Onions				
Planted	96	95	95	97
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	45	20	72	57
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	45	35	55	54
Emerged	2	N/A	6	11

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	39	53	5
Dry Onions	1	2	13	72	12
Alfalfa	2	12	40	37	9
Sugarbeets	0	5	34	52	9

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