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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received precipitation mostly in the form of isolated showers and thunderstorms last week, especially along the I-70 corridor. The southern regions and southeastern corner reported very limited precipitation. The State also experienced normal to below normal temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack jumped to 220 percent of average. Potential for flooding from snowmelt is a concern as temperatures warm up in the high country. Farmers were allowed 4.5 days in the field for spring operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	11	64	10
Last Week	22	15	59	4
Last Year	0	13	85	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	22	57	4
Last Week	25	22	52	1
Last Year	1	12	85	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 94 percent jointed with 55 percent headed at the end of last week. The crop has just started to turn color in the southeast corner of the State and is rated in mostly fair condition, overall. Spring barley was 95 percent emerged and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 95 percent seeded with 70 percent emerged and rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn plantings progressed last week to 94 percent planted with 48 percent emerged. Sorghum plantings increased to 14 percent planted by the week's end. Planting of sugarbeets reached completion and were 70 percent up to stand by the end of the week. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 65 percent planted with 21 percent emerged and fall potatoes were 90 percent planted and just starting to emerge by the end of last week. Sunflower planting reached 16 percent planted last week. Dry beans reached 39 percent planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 29, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	15	21	34	27	3
Last Year	1	2	20	65	12
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	6	42	48	4
Last Year	0	9	42	42	7
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	6	45	43	6
Last Year	0	8	47	40	5

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State, an improvement due to increased precipitation over the last few weeks. Alfalfa cuttings progressed slowly to 12 percent of the 1st cutting complete, with the crop rated in good to fair condition.

Livestock: 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. Some feed shortages were reported in the southeastern corner of the State where range and pasture have suffered due to dry conditions.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 29, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	12	21	34	28	5
Prev. Year - 2010	0	5	26	63	6
5-Year Avg.	9	17	31	37	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 29, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	94	85	97	98
Headed	55	24	48	64
Turning Color	1	NA	0	2
Spring Barley				
Emerged	95	79	97	95
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	95	90	100	98
Emerged	70	59	92	86
Corn				
Planted	94	86	95	94
Emerged	48	20	60	61
Sorghum				
Planted	14	10	38	31
Sugarbeets				
Up to Stand	70	45	65	66
Sunflowers				
Planted	16	4	28	32
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	12	4	20	21
Dry Beans				
Planted	39	19	24	22
Emerged	1	NA	0	0
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	90	74	94	94
Emerged	3	NA	10	7
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	65	54	88	78
Emerged	21	6	45	40

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	32	60	6
Corn	0	3	44	51	2
Dry Onions	0	0	20	73	7
Alfalfa	2	11	33	43	11
Sugarbeets	0	6	37	50	7

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