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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received more precipitation last week along the I-70 corridor while the rest of the State received below average levels of precipitation. The State experienced average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 119 percent of average. The snowpack in the southern region of the State is rated at only 74 percent of average with the San Luis Valley at only 68 percent of average. The northern region is 141 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	28	38	31	3
Last Week	33	33	31	3
Last Year	0	5	86	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	36	32	3
Last Week	34	37	26	3
Last Year	0	6	88	6

Small Grains: Winter wheat being pastured was rated at five percent last week with 28 percent jointed. The crop is rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 51 percent seeded with 20 percent emerged by the end of the week, compared to the 5-year averages of 55 percent seeded and 22 percent emerged. Spring wheat was 44 percent seeded with 10 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn planted last week increased to 11 percent. Sugarbeets reached 20 percent planted, compared to the 5-year average of 49 percent. Onion plantings increased to 73 percent. Summer potatoes were 19 percent planted by the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 24, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	19	30	33	17	1
Last Year	0	3	18	57	22

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State due to dry, high winds that persisted last week especially in the southern regions.

Livestock: Cows that have calved since January 1st increased to 82 percent while 79 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 24, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	15	29	34	18	4
Prev. Year - 2010	1	4	25	65	5
5-Year Avg.	7	20	39	32	2

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	82	84
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	79	83

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 24, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	5	4	4	5
Jointed	28	18	30	39
Spring Barley				
Seeded	51	41	52	55
Emerged	20	14	21	22
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	44	29	40	40
Emerged	10	6	17	15
Corn				
Planted	11	4	8	12
Sugarbeets				
Planted	20	8	39	49
Dry Onions				
Planted	73	61	67	78
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	19	12	9	24

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	31	60	5

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