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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received some precipitation last week across the State but levels were still below average for this time of year. The State also experienced cooler temperatures with below average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 134 percent of average with the northern regions rated at 152 percent of average and the southern regions rated at only 88 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 4.4 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	30	37	4
Last Week	28	38	31	3
Last Year	1	5	87	7

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	30	36	31	3
Last Week	29	36	32	3
Last Year	1	6	88	5

Small Grains: Winter wheat being pastured was rated at 3 percent last week with 50 percent jointed. The crop is rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 70 percent seeded with 30 percent emerged by the end of the week. Spring wheat was 60 percent seeded with 13 percent emerged compared to the 5-year averages of 54 percent seeded and 22 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn planted last week increased to 18 percent, 7 percentage points below the 5-year average. Sugarbeets reached 35 percent planted, compared to the 5-year average of 61 percent. Onion plantings increased to 84 percent. Summer potatoes were 30 percent planted by the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 1, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	18	28	34	19	1
Last Year	0	2	14	58	26

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State.

Livestock: Cows that have calved and ewes that have lambed since January 1st increased to 85 percent. 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 May 1, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	14	26	37	19	4
Prev. Year - 2010	1	6	26	61	6
5-Year Avg.	7	21	39	30	3

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	85	89
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	85	88

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 1, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	3	5	5	4
Jointed	50	28	52	58
Spring Barley				
Seeded	70	51	74	73
Emerged	30	20	36	35
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	60	44	58	54
Emerged	13	10	28	22
Corn				
Planted	18	11	24	25
Sugarbeets				
Planted	35	20	64	61
Dry Onions				
Planted	84	73	75	86
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	30	19	23	32

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	35	59	4
Dry Onions	1	2	27	60	10

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