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**Agricultural Summary:** Last week most of Colorado experienced below average precipitation levels with above average temperatures for this time of year. Overall, mountain snowpack is 81 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 4.5 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	25	67	0
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	28	50	21	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	31	60	0
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	24	50	25	1

**Small Grains:** Three percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition due to a dry winter but good germination last fall. Spring barley was 4 percent seeded by the end of the week, a little ahead of the 5-year average of 3 percent. Producers started seeding spring wheat which was 2 percent seeded at week's end compared to 1 percent on average at this time.

**Row Crops:** Onion growers started planting last week with 1 percent of the acreage in the ground by week's end compared with 4 percent last year and 2 percent on average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 11, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	2	13	39	41	5
Last Year	13	27	41	17	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State. Last year, 72 percent was rated fair to good at this time compared with 56 percent fair to good this year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 11, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	19	24	40	16	1
Prev. Year - 2011	8	19	55	17	1
5-Year Avg.	14	26	36	21	3

**Livestock:** Forty percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 28 percent of the ewes have lambed 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.

## Spring 2012 Calving and Lambing

	2012	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	40	36
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	28	24

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 11, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	3	N/A	5	6
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	4	N/A	5	3
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	2	N/A	1	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	1	N/A	4	2

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	27	64	7

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