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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced below average precipitation levels last week with above average temperatures for this time of year. Producers performing spring operations took advantage of the near to ideal conditions last week. Some producers have reported increased insect levels due to the warm and dry conditions. Dust storms were observed in the Southeastern Region of the State. Overall, mountain snowpack is 65 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	33	59	0
Last Week	8	36	56	0
Last Year	40	37	21	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	35	55	0
Last Week	8	34	58	0
Last Year	35	40	23	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 5 percent jointed while the winter wheat reported being pastured was at 3 percent this week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 25 percent seeded by the end of the week with 12 percent emerged. Spring wheat was reported 22 percent seeded, ahead of the 5-year average of 6 percent due to the warm weather.

Row Crops: Onion growers reported 18 percent of the acreage planted compared with 16 percent on average. The planting of summer potatoes increased to 5 percent

last week. Encouraged by the warm weather, producers starting planting sugarbeets last week with 2 percent planted, on par with the 5-year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 25, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	3	16	45	34	2
Last Year	19	35	33	12	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 25, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	6	26	50	18	0
Prev. Year – 2011	8	21	37	31	3
5-Year Avg.	8	25	37	28	2

Livestock: Fifty-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 46 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	58	54
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	46	43

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 25, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	3	3	4	11
Jointed	5	N/A	0	1
Spring Barley				
Seeded	25	12	19	13
Emerged	12	1	4	1
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	22	10	9	6
Dry Onions				
Planted	18	5	24	16
Sugarbeets				
Planted	2	N/A	0	2
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	5	1	1	0

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	28	61	9

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