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Agricultural Summary: With the exception of isolated areas, a spring storm brought some relief to the dry conditions in Colorado last week. Overall, mountain snowpack is 77 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	29	30	40	1
Last Week	29	37	34	0
Last Year	8	33	59	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	48	40	12	0
Last Week	51	38	11	0
Last Year	10	35	55	0

Small Grains: Seven percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, slightly below the five-year average of 8 percent. Overall crop condition was rated mostly fair to very poor with cold temperatures and dry conditions across parts of the state. Spring barley was 5 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind 5-year average of 15 percent. Spring wheat was 7 percent seeded by week's end compared to 10 percent on average.

Row Crops: Onion growers made a little planting progress, with 7 percent of the crop planted by week's end, much below the five year average of 17 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 24, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	22	25	41	12	0
Last Year	3	15	45	35	2

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Lack of moisture across the state has caused pasture and range conditions to deteriorate in some areas. Current conditions were rated 57 percent poor compared to 7 percent at this time in 2012.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 24, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	57	24	16	3	0
Prev. Year - 2012	7	26	49	18	0
5-Year Avg.	11	24	38	26	1

Livestock: Calving and lambing rates are average with fifty-three percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 40 percent of the ewes lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	53	54
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	40	42

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 24, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	7	9	3	8
Spring Barley				
Seeded	5	1	23	15
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	7	3	20	10
Dry Onions				
Planted	7	3	16	17

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	8	37	52	1

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