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Agricultural Summary: Lack of moisture remained a central concern expressed by most reporters, although some isolated areas received snowfall in varying amounts. Dry, windy conditions persisted over a large portion of Colorado while localized areas reported freezing temperatures. In spite of the bleak conditions, producers made noticeable progress planting in areas throughout the state. Overall, mountain snowpack was reduced to 79 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	28	48	1
Last Week	19	27	52	2
Last Year	13	29	57	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	39	38	23	0
Last Week	34	40	26	0
Last Year	12	35	53	0

Small Grains: Sixteen percent of the winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage as of Sunday, well behind 84 percent last year and 69 percent on average. The crop condition rating remained mostly fair to very poor. Spring barley was 75 percent seeded by week's end, an increase of 16 percentage points from last week. Forty-one percent of the barley crop had emerged, compared with 51 percent last year and 45 percent on average. Seeding of spring wheat saw a 15 percentage point gain from last week to 60 percent. Spring wheat emerged at 35 percent, was ahead of the average of 30 percent.

Row Crops: Planting of onions continued behind the average pace, with 70 percent planted by week's end. Planting of sugarbeets saw an increase of 11 percentage

points from last week, but still remained behind last year and average. The corn crop was 12 percent planted, behind last year and the average. Reporters indicated significant progress in the planting of fall potatoes, ending the week at 25 percent complete. Planting of summer potatoes advanced to 28 percent from last week's 19 percent, continuing behind the average pace.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 5, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	27	29	31	12	1
Last Year	2	10	34	46	8

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions continued to decline with 76 percent rated very poor to poor. This is compared with the five-year average of 32 percent very poor to poor.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 5, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	51	25	17	7	0
Prev. Year - 2012	5	32	44	19	0
5-Year Avg.	6	26	38	27	3

Livestock: Calving and lambing rates continue near the average, with 88 percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 92 percent of ewes have 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	88	91
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	92	91

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 5, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	12	4	53	40
Emerged	-	-	10	4
Dry Onions				
Planted	70	63	95	89
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	25	N/A	33	17
Spring Barley				
Seeded	75	59	81	80
Emerged	41	18	51	45
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	60	45	77	64
Emerged	35	15	42	30
Sorghum				
Planted	-	-	10	5
Sugarbeets				
Planted	21	10	81	67
Up to Stand	1	-	31	10
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	28	19	72	40
Emerged	1	-	30	7
Sunflowers				
Planted	1	-	2	1
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	2	5	1	N/A
Jointed	16	13	84	69
Headed	-	-	22	9

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	4	14	37	44	1
Dry Onions	0	0	8	76	16

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

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