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**Agricultural Summary:** Although not yet widespread, planting activities gained momentum last week. Isolated precipitation was concentrated in eastern districts, while moist conditions held some producers from gaining access to fields. High winds were reported in the southeast district where soil erosion occurred as a result in some cases. Overall, mountain snowpack was 116 percent of average as of March 19. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	35	49	3
Last Week	7	39	49	5
Last Year	29	31	39	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	31	43	2
Last Week	23	31	44	2
Last Year	48	40	12	0

**Small Grains:** Producers seeded an additional 3 percent of the intended barley crop last week, with 4 percent of the crop seeded by week's end. Spring wheat was 1 percent seeded, behind 6 percent last year and the average of 9 percent. Four percent of the winter wheat crop was pastured as of last week, compared with 7 percent last year and 8 percent on average.

**Row Crops:** Dry onions were 5 percent planted as of last week, slightly behind 6 percent last year and the average of 15 percent. Two percent of the sugarbeet crop has been planted thus far.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 23, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	15	16	33	32	4
Last Year	22	26	40	12	0

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State. Last year, 19 percent was rated fair to good while 55 percent is fair to good on average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 23, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	10	24	35	30	1
Prev. Year - 2013	56	25	16	3	0
5-Year Avg.	21	23	32	23	1

**Livestock:** Fifty-four percent of cows have calved and 44 percent of the ewes have lambed since January 1. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average. Stored feed supplies were rated primarily adequate to short for this time of year.

## Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	54	53
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	44	41

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 23, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	5	2	6	15
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	4	1	4	14
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	1	0	6	9
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	2	0	0	1
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	4	4	7	8

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	3	30	60	6

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