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**Agricultural Summary:** Modest progress in field operations marked the trend last week as a result of below normal temperatures with scattered light precipitation reported along and East of the Front Range in addition to areas on the Western Slope. Strong winds continued to cause soil erosion. Overall, mountain snowpack was 114 percent of average as of April 3. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	33	50	1
Last Week	17	35	46	2
Last Year	24	36	40	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	33	41	1
Last Week	24	33	42	1
Last Year	42	38	20	0

**Small Grains:** Producers seeded an additional 5 percentage points worth of spring wheat last week, ending on 10 percent. Seeding of barley was 19 percent complete, compared with 22 percent last year and 24 percent on average. Four percent of the state's winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage while 7 percent was pastured.

**Row Crops:** Dry onion plantings advanced from 14 percent complete last week to 22 percent. Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were 2 percent planted as of last week, compared with 6 percent last year and the average of 5 percent.

Sugarbeets were 12 percent planted by week's end, up from 6 percent previously.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 6, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	17	16	32	31	4
Last Year	22	23	41	14	0

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 19 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 6, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	10	27	35	27	1
Prev. Year - 2013	55	26	16	3	0
5-Year Avg.	19	24	34	22	1

**Livestock:** Seventy-three percent of cows have calved and 62 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	73	69
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	62	66

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 6, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	22	14	33	34
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Planted				
Outside SLV	2	N/A	6	5
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	19	12	22	24
Emerged	1	N/A	4	10
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	10	5	17	18
Emerged	1	N/A	2	4
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	12	6	1	7
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	4	2	3	8
Pastured	7	4	5	2

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	30	59	8

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