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Agricultural Summary: Conditions were ideal for fieldwork in the San Luis Valley and in the eastern districts, until precipitation and temperatures fell late last week in the form of snow and rain. Reports of damaging winds gained prevalence in eastern districts and in the San Luis Valley. In some cases, high winds caused damage to planted grains while moisture supplies have been reduced in some places. One incident concerning localized presence of cut worms and brown mites in winter wheat was reported in the eastern central district. Overall, mountain snowpack was 112 percent of average as of April 14. Farmers were allowed 6.1 days in the field for spring operations.

on average. Six percent of the potato crop outside the San Luis Valley has been planted, compared with 10 percent last year and the average of 12 percent. Sugarbeets were 16 percent planted, leading 4 percent last year and the average of 13 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 13, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	17	16	31	32	4
Last Year	26	18	42	14	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	33	51	1
Last Week	16	33	50	1
Last Year	22	24	54	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 63 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 27 percent was rated fair to good while 57 percent is fair to good on average.

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	32	43	1
Last Week	25	33	41	1
Last Year	33	44	22	1

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 13, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	11	25	36	27	1
Prev. Year - 2013	48	25	23	4	0
5-Year Avg.	18	24	34	23	1

Small Grains: Last week, 9 percentage points were gained in spring wheat seeding with 2 percent emerged thus far. Seeding of barley advanced from 19 percent planted to 29 percent by week's end while the crop was 3 percent emerged. Six percent of the state's winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage while 7 percent was pastured. Last year, 4 percent of the winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage while 16 percent is the average.

Livestock: Eighty percent of cows have calved and 72 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.

Row Crops: Planting of dry onions gained 19 percentage points last week with 41 percent planted by week's end, trailing 46 percent last year and 49 percent

Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	80	76
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	72	70

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 13, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Dry Onions				
Planted	41	22	46	49
Potatoes				
Planted				
Outside SLV	6	2	10	12
Spring Barley				
Seeded	29	19	30	31
Emerged	3	1	6	13
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	19	10	23	25
Emerged	2	1	4	7
Sugarbeets				
Planted	16	12	4	13
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	6	4	4	16
Pastured	7	7	8	7

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	28	62	7

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