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Agricultural Summary: Last week, drier conditions allowed planting activities to progress in parts of Colorado. Rain and show events impacted some areas along the Front Range and southeastern district, slowing fieldwork as a result in those localities. High winds were reported in the northern district, with notable impacts noted in some localities in terms of soil moisture reduction and damage to planted crops. Overall, mountain snowpack was 114 percent of average as of April 17. Farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	34	49	1
Last Week	15	33	51	1
Last Year	19	25	54	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	32	42	1
Last Week	24	32	43	1
Last Year	35	45	20	0

Small Grains: The seeding of spring wheat was 30 percent complete, compared with 30 percent last year and 35 percent on average; 6 percent was emerged, behind 11 percent last year and the average of 12 percent. Barley seeding was 44 percent complete by week's end, up from 29 percent last week; 5 percent was emerged, behind last year's 15 percent and the average of 20 percent. Up from last week's 6 percent, 17 percent of winter wheat was in the jointing stage while 6 percent was being pastured.

Row Crops: Corn plantings ended the week with 2 percent complete, behind 6 percent on average. Dry onions were 58 percent planted, an increase of 17

percentage points from the week prior, compared with last year's 55 percent and the average of 66 percent. Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were at 11 percent planted, behind 15 percent last year and 20 percent on average. The percentage of sugarbeets planted remained ahead of the average, with 30 percent planted last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 20, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	17	15	32	32	4
Last Year	25	29	36	10	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 63 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 20, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	11	25	35	28	1
Prev. Year - 2013	53	28	17	2	0
5-Year Avg.	19	23	32	24	2

Livestock: Eighty-seven percent of cows have calved and 80 percent of the ewes have lambed since January 1. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short.

Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	87	82
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	80	77

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 20, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	2	-	-	6
Dry Onions				
Planted	58	41	55	66
Potatoes				
Planted				
Outside SLV	11	6	15	20
Spring Barley				
Seeded	44	29	40	44
Emerged	5	3	15	20
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	30	19	30	35
Emerged	6	2	11	12
Sugarbeets				
Planted	30	16	7	23
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	17	6	7	25
Pastured	6	7	5	4

- 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.