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**Agricultural Summary:** Conditions varied last week as did progress concerning agricultural activities. Warm, dry conditions improved planting progress in certain areas while isolated precipitation events slowed work in eastern districts. Extremely high winds were reported to have uprooted winter wheat or have blown soil from its foundation in multiple districts across Colorado. Overall, mountain snowpack was 103 percent of average as of April 24. Farmers were allowed 5.9 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	16	34	49	1
Last Year	19	27	52	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	32	44	0
Last Week	25	32	42	1
Last Year	34	41	25	0

**Small Grains:** The week ended with 44 percent of the state's spring wheat crop seeded, up from 30 percent previously; 19 percent had emerged, up from 6 percent the week prior. Seeding of barley ended the week on 61 percent complete, an increase of 17 percentage points from the previous week; 29 percent was emerged, an increase of 24 percentage points. Twenty-four percent of the winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage, up from 17 percent a week earlier.

**Row Crops:** Fourteen percentage points were gained in the planting of corn last week, ending on 16 percent complete. Dry onions were 68 percent planted, compared with 62 percent last year and 76 percent on average.

Planting of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 33 percent done by week's end, up 22 percentage points from the previous week. Sugarbeets were 45 percent planted, compared with 10 percent last year and the average of 37 percent; 4 percent have emerged thus far.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 27, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	18	15	31	32	4
Last Year	25	29	35	11	0

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 54 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 25 percent was rated fair to good while 58 percent is fair to good on average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 27, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	12	33	29	25	1
Prev. Year - 2013	46	29	20	5	0
5-Year Avg.	15	25	32	26	2

**Livestock:** Ninety-one percent of cows have calved and 85 percent of the ewes have lambed since January 1. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short.

## Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	91	86
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	85	83

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 27, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	16	2	3	13
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	68	58	62	76
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Outside SLV				
Planted	33	11	19	26
Emerged	1	N/A	-	2
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	2	-	-	1
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	61	44	57	58
Emerged	29	5	18	26
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	44	30	43	49
Emerged	19	6	15	17
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	45	30	10	37
Emerged	4	N/A	-	2
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	24	17	12	39
Headed	1	-	-	1

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	26	64	7

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