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Agricultural Summary: Dry conditions with high winds last week depleted surface soil moisture across the state while snowpack at higher elevations was being reduced at a quickened pace. Varying levels of success were achieved in planting activities, with gains ranging from significant to modest. As temperatures have steadily climbed, germination of planted crops has increased, although more precipitation is needed to maintain acceptable crop conditions and growth rates. Overall, mountain snowpack was 92 percent of average as of May 5. Farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	41	40	0
Last Week	16	34	49	1
Last Year	22	28	49	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	33	42	0
Last Week	24	32	44	0
Last Year	38	39	23	0

Small Grains: Last week, the seeding of spring wheat gained 14 percentage points, ending on 58 percent complete; 30 percent was emerged, up from 19 percent a week earlier. Seeding of barley advanced quickly with 81 percent complete by week's end, ahead of 73 percent last year and 75 percent on average; 41 percent was emerged, up from 29 percent previously. Thirty-five percent of the winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage, compared with 16 percent last year and the average of 55 percent.

Row Crops: Corn plantings ended last week on 35 percent complete, compared with 11 percent last year and 30 percent on average, with 1 percent emerged. Onion planting ended with modest gains last week at 72 percent complete, up 4 percentage points from the week prior,

compared with 69 percent last year and 84 percent on average. Up from the previous week's 33 percent, 50 percent of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were planted, ahead of 36 percent on average. Ten percent of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley have emerged. Planting of sorghum ended the week with 6 percent complete. Sugarbeets were 62 percent planted, compared with 19 percent last year and 54 percent on average, with 12 percent of the crop emerged.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 4, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	20	17	32	28	3
Last Year	27	28	32	12	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 53 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 May 4, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	13	33	28	25	1
Prev. Year - 2013	49	26	18	7	0
5-Year Avg.	15	25	34	24	2

Livestock: Ninety-four percent of cows have calved and 91 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	94	89
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	91	90

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 4, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	35	16	11	30
Emerged	1	-	-	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	72	68	69	84
Potatoes				
Outside SLV				
Planted	50	33	27	36
Emerged	10	1	1	6
Sorghum				
Planted	6	2	-	4
Spring Barley				
Seeded	81	61	73	75
Emerged	41	29	38	41
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	58	44	58	63
Emerged	30	19	32	29
Sugarbeets				
Planted	62	45	19	54
Emerged	12	4	1	9
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	35	24	16	55
Headed	2	1	-	6

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

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

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	27	64	6

season.