



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Fieldwork was limited last week as cool temperatures prevailed and fields in large portions of Colorado were not yet dry enough for full-scale plantings. There were reports of high winds last week with localized damage to winter wheat. Overall, mountain snowpack was 116 percent of average as of March 14. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 16, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	16	16	33	31	4
Last Year	19	32	37	11	1

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	39	49	5
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	29	37	34	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State. Last year, 17 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average.

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	31	44	2
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	51	38	11	0

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 16, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	24	36	33	1
Prev. Year - 2013	53	30	15	2	0
5-Year Avg.	20	23	34	22	1

Small Grains: Four percent of the winter wheat crop was pastured last week. Spring barley was 1 percent planted last week.

Row Crops: As of last week, the onion crop was 2 percent planted, compared with 3 percent last year and 6 percent on average.

Livestock: Forty-one percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 30 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were 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	41	43
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	30	31

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 16, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Dry Onions				
Planted	2	N/A	3	6
Spring Barley				
Seeded	1	N/A	1	7
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	4	N/A	9	7

- 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	26	64	7

season.