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Agricultural Summary: Cool, dry conditions prevailed across much of Colorado, allowing producers to complete planting activities for some small grains and row crops. However, germination was limited in some instances as a result of cool temperatures and isolated frost. Several localities received vital precipitation in the form of rain or snow, but dry conditions remain a concern elsewhere. Overall, mountain snowpack was 149 percent of average as of May 19. Farmers were allowed 5.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	36	47	1
Last Week	15	34	49	2
Last Year	17	28	52	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	31	42	1
Last Week	24	32	43	1
Last Year	29	43	28	0

Small Grains: Spring wheat seeded was 93 percent complete and 55 percent emerged by week's end, both of which were within 6 percentage points of average and last year. The percentage of spring barley seeded tied the average last week at 97 percent complete while 70 percent had emerged, slightly behind 74 percent last year and 78 percent on average. Sixty-eight percent of the winter wheat crop was at or beyond the jointing stage, up from 49 percent, previously. Nineteen percent was headed, compared with 1 percent last year and 28 percent on average.

Row Crops: Remaining ahead of last year and the average, corn plantings finished the week at 83 percent planted, an increase of 19 percentage points. Six percent of the intended dry bean crop has been planted thus far, a modest gain from 3 percent last week. By week's end, onion plantings were virtually complete. Planting of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley continued ahead of average, ending at 87 percent complete. Emergence of the crop continued in a similar fashion, ending with 40 percent emerged. Sixty-five percent of the intended potato acreage inside the San Luis Valley was planted as of last week, a significant increase from the previous

week's 13 percent. Five percent of the San Luis Valley potatoes had emerged. The sorghum crop was 24 percent planted, compared with 3 percent last year and 14 percent on average. Planting of sugarbeets was virtually complete by week's end while 62 percent had emerged, up from 41 percent previously. Sunflower plantings started at a slower pace, with 2 percent planted by week's end. This is behind 3 percent last year and 7 percent on average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 18, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	3	4	18	42	33
Last Year	0	0	40	50	10
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	51	49	0
Last Year	7	9	26	29	29
Winter Wheat					
This Week	24	16	31	26	3
Last Year	28	23	33	15	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 58 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 49 percent was rated fair to good while 66 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa has started, with 1 percent completed by week's end.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 18, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	14	27	29	29	1
Prev. Year - 2013	27	23	35	14	1
5-Year Avg.	10	20	34	32	4

Livestock: Lambing was virtually complete last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average to light. However, isolated adverse conditions resulted in a heavier ewe and lamb death loss than the week prior. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short.

Spring 2014 Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	98	97

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 18, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	1	N/A	2	3
Corn				
Planted	83	64	55	75
Emerged	24	4	14	24
Dry Beans				
Planted	6	3	2	7
Dry Onions				
Planted	95	92	97	98
Potatoes				
Outside SLV				
Planted	87	76	73	65
Emerged	40	21	10	22
Inside SLV				
Planted	65	13	65	69
Emerged	5	N/A	-	1
Sorghum				
Planted	24	14	3	14
Spring Barley				
Seeded	97	90	94	97
Emerged	70	59	74	78
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	93	84	93	90
Emerged	55	41	57	61
Sugarbeets				
Planted	98	91	63	86
Emerged	62	41	19	39
Sunflowers				
Planted	2	1	3	7
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	68	49	52	80
Headed	19	14	1	28

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	28	63	6
Sugarbeets	1	6	30	61	2

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