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Agricultural Summary: Excessive heat and dry conditions persisted last week, pushing maturity of late season crops and spurring the pace of harvest activities. However, the lack of moisture generally caused crop condition ratings to decline with few exceptions. Soil moisture supplies and irrigation reserves also became increasingly short; with north central Colorado having received the majority of last week's isolated precipitation events. High wind was also reported as a contributing factor to the overall decline of moisture supplies. On average, farmers were allowed 6.4 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	46	25	0
Last Week	24	43	33	0
Last Year	69	26	5	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	38	47	15	0
Last Week	36	44	20	0
Last Year	71	26	3	0

Small Grains: Ending the week at 89 and 85 percent harvested, barley and spring wheat harvest activities maintained the fast pace from the week prior. Harvest of both crops continued ahead of respective averages. Seeding of winter wheat was 13 percent complete by week's end, ahead of zero last year and 11 percent on average

Row Crops: Virtually all corn was at or beyond the dough stage last week while 65 percent reached the dent stage and 7 percent had matured. Thirty-nine percent of the corn crop intended for silage was harvested, up from 11 percent previously. Sorghum was 93 percent headed, 58 percent was turning color, and 10 percent was mature with none yet harvested. Harvest of dry onions gained a modest 6 percentage points last week, trailing 47 percent last year and the average of 39 percent. Harvest of potatoes in the San Luis Valley was 17 percent complete while potatoes outside the valley were 51 percent harvested. Dry beans were 39 percent cut, compared with 49 percent last year and 28 percent on average.

Fifteen percent of the dry bean crop was harvested by week's end, leading last year and the average.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 8, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	15	18	32	30	5
Last Year	38	22	19	19	2
Sorghum					
This Week	18	22	37	23	0
Last Year	52	19	18	11	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions ratings showed a negligible decline last week, ending with 52 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 51 percent the previous week. On average, 36 percent is normally rated very poor to poor. The 3rd and 4th cuttings of alfalfa were 62 and 2 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 8, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	23	29	32	16	0
Prev. Year - 2012	61	26	12	1	0
5-Year Avg.	19	17	32	28	4

Livestock: Livestock condition ratings showed a very slight decline from last week with 49 percent currently rated good to excellent, down from 51 percent previously. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week ending September 8, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	62	54	84	60
4 th Cutting	2	N/A	20	4
Corn				
Dough	96	87	98	93
Dent	65	33	80	60
Mature	7	1	24	12
Corn Silage				
Harvested	39	11	47	26
Dry Beans				
Cut	39	25	49	28
Harvested	15	N/A	9	7
Dry Onions				
Harvested	20	14	47	39
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested				
San Luis Valley	17	9	31	16
All Other	51	34	82	42
Sorghum				
Headed	93	79	98	96
Turning Color	58	43	80	70
Mature	10	3	12	18
Harvested	-	N/A	1	1
Spring Barley				
Harvested	89	68	92	87
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	85	68	64	57
Winter Wheat				
Planted	13	3	-	11

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	14	14	35	33	4
Dry Beans	9	16	40	33	2
Dry Onions	0	2	26	67	5
Fall Potatoes					
San Luis Valley	0	0	28	69	3
All Other	0	8	52	38	2
Livestock	3	8	40	48	1
Sugarbeets	0	4	28	62	6
Sunflowers	16	21	37	24	2

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