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Agricultural Summary: Fieldwork has been effectively delayed by excess moisture received beginning the second full week of September on into early last week. Soil remains saturated in large sections of crop and pasture land across the state as a result of the sustained precipitation. Reports of isolated frost have begun to surface which has prompted producers to push on with field activities for some crops in spite of conditions. Last week, the dry bean crop suffered some hail damage in parts of southwest Colorado, according to reporters. On average, farmers were allowed 4.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	20	69	5
Last Week	7	22	64	7
Last Year	56	28	16	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	32	43	1
Last Week	23	34	42	1
Last Year	68	27	5	0

Small Grains: Fifty-six percent of the winter wheat crop has been seeded, up 21 percentage points from the week prior. Winter wheat was 26 percent emerged by week's end, up from 9 percent previously.

Row Crops: Fifty-two percent of the corn crop was mature, trailing 86 percent last year and the average of 63 percent. Eighty-eight percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested, up from the previous week's 77 percent. Ninety percent of the sorghum crop had reached the coloring phase while 26 percent had reached maturity. Negligible gains were made on the sorghum harvest, ending on 3 percent by week's end. Sunflowers harvest activities saw 5 percentage points of progress last week ending with 10 percent complete. Sixty percent of the dry onion crop has been harvested, behind 79 percent last year and 74 percent on average. Last week, harvest of potatoes in the San Luis valley trailed the average at 45 percent complete while harvest activities for potatoes elsewhere were virtually complete. Seventy-seven percent of the dry bean crop was cut, with harvest activities at 52 percent complete by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 29, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	12	12	31	32	13
Last Year	48	19	19	12	2
Sorghum					
This Week	19	22	37	22	0
Last Year	50	30	14	6	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions ratings declined slightly last week, ending with 45 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 43 percent the previous week. On average, 37 percent is normally rated very poor to poor. The 3rd and 4th cuttings of alfalfa were 86 and 25 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 29, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	21	24	32	22	1
Prev. Year - 2012	61	24	13	2	0
5-Year Avg.	18	19	34	24	5

Livestock: Livestock condition ratings improved last week with 62 percent currently rated good to excellent, up from 55 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 29, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	86	79	99	86
4 th Cutting	25	15	67	31
Corn				
Dent	97	93	100	97
Mature	52	31	86	63
Harvested	11	4	25	14
Corn Silage				
Harvested	88	77	94	83
Dry Beans				
Cut	77	63	91	79
Harvested	52	39	60	52
Dry Onions				
Harvested	60	45	79	74
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested				
San Luis Valley	45	31	72	56
All Other	95	93	99	82
Sorghum				
Turning Color	90	83	99	96
Mature	26	12	39	52
Harvested	3	2	11	7
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	9	6	18	15
Sunflowers				
Harvested	10	5	8	14
Winter Wheat				
Planted	56	35	59	71
Emerged	26	9	18	32

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	15	19	30	32	4
Dry Beans	20	10	30	36	4
Dry Onions	0	2	23	62	13
Fall Potatoes					
San Luis Valley	0	1	27	70	2
Livestock	1	7	30	51	11
Sugarbeets	0	4	24	62	10
Sunflowers	23	11	31	30	5

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