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Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions were relatively dry in most of Colorado, allowing producers to focus on harvest activities. Localized delays to fieldwork resulting from light showers, fog, and drizzle were reported. However, precipitation improved soil moisture, pasture and rangeland conditions in those areas. On average, farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	36	60	0
Last Week	7	21	70	2
Last Year	28	41	31	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	37	51	0
Last Week	20	33	47	0
Last Year	53	38	9	0

N/A Not available.

Small Grains: Percentage of winter wheat emerged is ahead of last year and the average at 93 percent.

Row Crops: The corn harvest gained 21 percentage points last week, ending on 80 percent complete. Sorghum was 59 percent harvested, up from 35 percent previously. Seventy-one percent of the sunflower crop has been harvested thus far, with 15 percent of that completed last week. By week's end, the harvest of dry onions and dry beans were virtually complete, both at 98 percent. With a gain of 14 percentage points, the sugarbeet harvest ended the week at 89 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 3, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	5	30	54	11
Last Year	6	21	46	26	1
Sorghum					
This Week	25	40	30	5	0
Last Year	52	40	6	2	0

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions improved last week, with 30 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 38 percent previously. On average, 38 percent is rated very poor to poor. As of last week, the 4th cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete, up from 85 percent previously.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 3, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	10	20	35	35	0
Prev. Year - 2012	59	25	13	3	0
5-Year Avg.	18	20	32	27	3

Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated 74 percent good to excellent, up from 68 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.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week ending November 3, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	93	85	100	83
Corn				
Harvested	80	59	89	73
Dry Beans				
Harvested	98	93	100	98
Dry Onions				
Harvested	98	87	100	100
Sorghum				
Harvested	59	35	59	56
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	89	75	92	86
Sunflowers				
Harvested	71	56	72	68
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	93	87	84	91

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	22	72	2

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