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Agricultural Summary: Harvest activities continued amidst weather conditions that were generally favorable for fieldwork. However, dry conditions remain a concern to producers in some areas. Reporters emphasized a need for winter wheat snow protection and increased moisture for pasture growth into the next year. In some cases, livestock producers were holding on to feed stocks for personal use instead of marketing. Other seasonal activities last week included moving livestock from pasture. On average, farmers were allowed 6.1 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	22	67	1
Last Week	4	36	60	0
Last Year	29	36	35	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	33	45	0
Last Week	12	37	51	0
Last Year	51	40	9	0

N/A Not available.

Small Grains: Virtually all winter wheat had emerged by late last week.

Row Crops: The corn harvest progressed at a slower pace last week as some standing corn with high moisture content remained in fields—85 percent was harvested by week's end. This is a gain of 5 percentage points from the previous week. The harvest of sorghum was at 69 percent last week, up from 59 percent previously. Eighty-three percent of the sunflower crop has been harvested, up from 71 percent the week prior. The harvest of sugarbeets was virtually complete as of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 10, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	4	33	50	12
Last Year	6	25	39	29	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions showed a decline into last week, with 40 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 30 percent previously. On average, 38 percent is rated very poor to poor. As of last week, the 4th cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 10, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	19	21	28	31	1
Prev. Year – 2012	55	27	14	4	0
5-Year Avg.	17	21	33	26	3

Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated 60 percent good to excellent, down from 74 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 10, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	100	93	100	88
Corn				
Harvested	85	80	96	82
Sorghum				
Harvested	69	59	77	70
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	95	89	97	93
Sunflowers				
Harvested	83	71	86	77
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	96	93	89	94

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	8	31	59	1

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