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Agricultural Summary: Warm conditions accelerated crop development while isolated precipitation in the eastern half of Colorado replenished moisture supplies in some dry areas. Crop conditions generally improved although potato beetles were reported in fields outside the San Luis Valley. Reporters noted patches of Colorado without access to reserve water supplies remain in need of precipitation moisture. Localized flooding was reported in the northern district, which includes areas west of the Front Range. Mountain snowpack was 193 percent of average as of May 29. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	34	49	2
Last Week	15	35	48	2
Last Year	27	33	39	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	28	46	1
Last Week	26	29	44	1
Last Year	41	39	20	0

Small Grains: Progress of small grains continued, ending close to average levels in respective developmental stages. Winter wheat percent headed and spring wheat emergence showed the largest advances in development from previous week's values, namely 63 percent and 94 percent, respectively.

Row Crops: Corn plantings were virtually completed last week while 84 percent had emerged, up from 55 percent a week earlier. Last week's dry bean planting activities ended on 21 percent complete, behind 23 percent last year and 32 percent on average. Planting of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was virtually complete as of last week. Eighty-four percent of potatoes outside the valley were emerged, up from 65 percent previously. Emergence of potatoes inside the San Luis Valley reached 24 percent last week, ahead of 6 percent last year and 14 percent on average. Sorghum planting

activities continued at a limited pace last week, ending on 27 percent complete, a gain of 2 percentage points. Sugarbeet emergence was at 94 percent by week's end, ahead of 57 percent last year and the average of 77 percent. Sunflower plantings ended with a 10 percentage point gain at 13 percent complete, behind 19 percent last year and 31 percent on average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 1, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	3	18	51	26
Last Year	0	0	31	55	14
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	1	37	61	1
Last Year	7	6	34	46	7
Winter Wheat					
This Week	24	15	29	28	4
Last Year	35	23	30	11	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 46 percent was rated fair to good while 64 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa ended with 16 percent complete by week's end, compared with 12 percent last year and the average of 25 percent.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 1, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	12	23	30	32	3
Prev. Year - 2013	29	24	32	14	1
5-Year Avg.	12	20	32	32	4

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short. A general improvement in the above mentioned items was noted last week.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending June 1, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	16	7	12	25
Corn				
Planted	99	93	94	95
Emerged	84	55	64	69
Dry Beans				
Planted	21	8	23	32
Emerged	2	N/A	2	5
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Emerged	24	11	6	14
Outside SLV				
Planted	95	93	100	86
Emerged	84	65	58	55
Sorghum				
Planted	27	25	19	34
Emerged	9	N/A	-	2
Spring Barley				
Emerged	97	91	96	98
Headed	1	N/A	-	4
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	94	72	93	92
Headed	1	N/A	3	3
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	94	91	57	77
Sunflowers				
Planted	13	3	19	31
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	95	87	88	96
Headed	63	38	31	67

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	29	51	19
Livestock	0	3	27	64	6
Onions	1	2	15	70	12
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	5	34	59	2
Sugarbeets	1	6	32	49	12

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