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Agricultural Summary: Last week, precipitation received in eastern Colorado replenished soil moisture supplies. Fieldwork was limited in some localities by the precipitation while hail storms were noted in the eastern and southeastern districts, with hail damage reported to have occurred in some localities. Cool conditions later in the week throughout northeastern Colorado resulted in slowed crop growth. Warm, dry conditions and localized storms were experienced early last week across the San Luis Valley, spurring potato development until cool temperatures prevailed during the latter half of the week. Conditions remain excessively dry elsewhere with drought conditions noted in some localities. Mountain snowpack was 210 percent of average as of June 4. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	31	51	4
Last Week	15	34	49	2
Last Year	32	35	33	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	26	49	1
Last Week	25	28	46	1
Last Year	40	40	20	0

Small Grains: As of last week, barley and spring wheat were 4 and 3 percent headed, respectively. Development of both crops was behind 12 percent headed on average. Eighty-five percent of the winter wheat crop was headed, up from 63 percent previously. Thirteen percent was turning color, compared with 3 percent last year and the average of 21 percent.

Row Crops: A gain of 20 percentage points was achieved in the planting of dry beans last week, which remained behind average. Thirteen percent of the crop had emerged, compared with 11 percent last year and 17 percent on average. Fifty-five percent of potatoes inside the San Luis Valley were emerged by week's end, ahead of 33 percent last year and 38 percent on average. Eighty-eight percent of potatoes outside the San Luis

Valley had emerged, ahead of 69 percent last year and the average of 66 percent. Sorghum was 38 percent planted, behind 53 percent last year and 55 percent on average. Nineteen percent was emerged, ahead of 10 percent on average. Sunflower planting progress gained 21 percentage points last week, ending on 34 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 8, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	3	17	53	25
Last Year	0	0	34	50	16
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	1	36	62	1
Last Year	6	4	32	44	14
Winter Wheat					
This Week	24	14	28	28	6
Last Year	35	22	31	11	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 63 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 40 percent was rated fair to good while 59 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa ended with 38 percent complete by week's end, compared with 39 percent last year and the average of 43 percent.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 8, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	12	22	29	34	3
Prev. Year - 2013	28	29	24	16	3
5-Year Avg.	16	19	29	30	6

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light with no significant changes from the previous week. Stored feed supplies improved slightly since the previous week and remained mostly adequate to short.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 8, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	38	16	39	43
Corn				
Emerged	95	84	78	85
Dry Beans				
Planted	41	21	52	55
Emerged	13	2	11	17
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Emerged	55	24	33	38
Outside SLV				
Emerged	88	84	69	66
Sorghum				
Planted	38	27	53	55
Emerged	19	9	10	10
Spring Barley				
Headed	4	1	1	12
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	95	94	99	97
Headed	3	1	21	12
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	97	94	77	92
Sunflowers				
Planted	34	13	35	47
Winter Wheat				
Headed	85	63	60	87
Turning Color	13	-	3	21

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	6	25	52	14
Corn	0	0	23	54	23
Livestock	0	3	25	64	8
Onions	1	2	13	75	9
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	2	26	60	12
Sugarbeets	1	4	23	59	13

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