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Agricultural Summary: Conditions varied from wet and cool in the east and northeast regions to hot and dry in the southeastern region. Areas that received precipitation were impacted in some cases by isolated hail storms, with localized damage noted. The western portion of Colorado and the San Luis Valley saw below normal temperatures with isolated frost reported. Reporters indicated irrigation reserves within the San Luis Valley were on the rise, currently observed to range from sufficient to surplus levels for surface irrigation in the territory. High winds reported across the state resulted in some delays to planting activities, particularly in the eastern district. Mountain snowpack was 232 percent of average as of June 10. Farmers were allowed 5.2 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	32	51	3
Last Week	14	31	51	4
Last Year	36	38	26	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	27	48	1
Last Week	24	26	49	1
Last Year	45	37	18	0

Small Grains: Spring barley was 11 percent headed by week's end, compared with 10 percent last year and 21 percent on average. Eighteen percent of the state's spring wheat crop was headed, behind 37 percent last year and 22 percent on average. Virtually all winter wheat was headed, ahead of 93 percent on average. Twenty-six percent was coloring, up from 13 percent previously.

Row Crops: Dry bean plantings progressed at an accelerated pace last week, ending on 74 percent complete. This is an increase of 33 percentage points from the previous week. By week's end, 33 percent of the dry bean crop was emerged, up from 13 percent previously. Eighty-two percent of potatoes inside the San Luis Valley were emerged, up from 55 percent the week prior. This is ahead of 70 percent last year and the average of 67 percent. Emergence of potatoes outside the

San Luis Valley ended on 91 percent complete, compared with 95 percent last year and 80 percent on average. Planting of sorghum was 53 percent complete, behind 65 percent last year and 69 percent on average. Thirty-seven percent of the sorghum crop was emerged, up from the previous week's 19 percent. This is compared with 19 percent last year and 22 percent on average. By week's end, 52 percent of the sunflower crop was planted, up from 34 percent previously.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 15, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	2	16	54	26
Last Year	0	0	32	59	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	1	35	63	1
Last Year	8	5	33	46	8
Winter Wheat					
This Week	26	12	27	28	7
Last Year	45	25	21	8	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 41 percent was rated fair to good while 58 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa ended with 52 percent complete by week's end, compared with 57 percent last year and the average of 60 percent. Alfalfa weevil was noted by reporters in some cases within the northeastern district.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 15, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	11	22	28	34	5
Prev. Year - 2013	36	23	22	19	0
5-Year Avg.	16	19	26	32	7

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light with no significant changes from the previous week. Stored feed supplies generally held steady last week, and remains mostly adequate to short.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending June 15, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	52	38	57	60
Dry Beans				
Planted	74	41	72	77
Emerged	33	13	32	37
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Emerged	82	55	70	67
Outside SLV				
Emerged	91	88	95	80
Sorghum				
Planted	53	38	65	69
Emerged	37	19	19	22
Spring Barley				
Headed	11	4	10	21
Spring Wheat				
Headed	18	3	37	22
Sunflowers				
Planted	52	34	41	63
Winter Wheat				
Headed	97	85	72	93
Turning Color	26	13	12	37

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	6	25	49	17
Corn	0	1	23	52	24
Livestock	0	2	24	63	11
Onions	0	2	11	78	9
Potatoes Inside SLV	0	0	24	43	33
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	0	27	61	12
Sorghum	0	0	71	28	1
Sugarbeets	1	4	20	59	16

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