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Agricultural Summary: Relatively dry conditions last week created a window for producers to ramp up planting and hay cutting activities. Precipitation was generally received in the northeast, where water supplies remain at sufficient levels. In eastern and southeastern Colorado, precipitation was largely isolated and insufficient, with no significant improvement in moisture supplies noted in these districts. Producers in the San Luis Valley were facing significant challenges to keep crops irrigated as a result of the warm temperatures and strong winds. A hard freeze occurred in the San Luis Valley last week, which resulted in a slowed pace of development and a decline in conditions of some crops. Hail storms have continued to negatively impact crops, locally, across the eastern plains of Colorado. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	32	50	3
Last Week	14	32	51	3
Last Year	40	40	20	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	28	47	1
Last Week	24	27	48	1
Last Year	44	40	16	0

Small Grains: Development of barley remained behind average with 19 percent headed by week's end. Up from 18 percent last week, 34 percent of the spring wheat crop was headed, on par with the average of 34 percent. Fifty-two percent of the winter wheat crop was coloring as of last week, up from 26 percent previously.

Row Crops: Planting activities for dry beans were virtually complete by week's end. Dry beans developed at an accelerated pace, with 65 percent emerged as of last week, up from 33 percent previously. Virtually all potatoes inside the San Luis Valley were emerged. Condition of potatoes inside the San Luis Valley showed a decline from the previous week as a result of the hard freeze. Emergence of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley reached 94 percent complete, ahead of the average

of 89 percent. Seventy-eight percent of the sorghum crop was planted, an increase of 25 percentage points from the previous week. This is behind 86 percent last year and 84 percent on average. Forty-one percent of the sorghum crop was emerged, essentially equivalent to the levels of last year and the average. Seventy-six percent of the sunflower crop has been planted as of last week, up from 52 percent previously.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 22, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	2	16	53	27
Last Year	0	1	36	57	6
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	33	64	1
Last Year	10	10	35	41	4
Winter Wheat					
This Week	26	13	25	29	7
Last Year	42	28	20	9	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 63 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 39 percent was rated fair to good while 57 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa was 72 percent complete by week's end, up from 52 percent the week prior. The second cutting of alfalfa has begun, with 6 percentage points gained last week. Reporters indicated the hard freeze in the San Luis Valley slowed the pace of alfalfa development.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 22, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	11	21	27	36	5
Prev. Year - 2013	33	28	23	16	0
5-Year Avg.	15	21	26	31	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 22, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	72	52	68	74
2 nd Cutting	6	-	1	2
Dry Beans				
Planted	95	74	86	90
Emerged	65	33	62	64
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Emerged	95	82	91	89
Outside SLV				
Emerged	94	91	100	89
Sorghum				
Planted	78	53	86	84
Emerged	41	37	40	42
Spring Barley				
Headed	19	11	33	35
Spring Wheat				
Headed	34	18	52	34
Turning Color	4	N/A	-	1
Sunflowers				
Planted	76	52	59	79
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	52	26	37	59

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	7	26	48	16
Corn	0	2	26	47	25
Livestock	0	2	23	63	12
Onions	0	1	15	74	10
Potatoes Inside SLV	4	8	41	38	9
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	0	26	61	13
Sorghum	0	0	73	27	0
Sugarbeets	1	4	20	57	18

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