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Agricultural Summary: Eastern Colorado received isolated precipitation with locally heavy accumulations in some areas. Some crop damage was indicated by reporters as a result of localized hail storms common in parts of the northeast and eastern districts. Conditions were warm and dry elsewhere, spurring crop development while allowing producers to focus on hay cuttings and planting activities. Dry conditions felt throughout the majority of Colorado have depleted moisture reserves across the state. Reporters indicated producers relying on surface water within the San Luis Valley have seen irrigation ditches shut off. Farmers were allowed 5.7 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	34	47	3
Last Week	15	32	50	3
Last Year	43	43	14	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	27	47	1
Last Week	24	28	47	1
Last Year	50	40	10	0

Small Grains: Eighteen percentage points worth of barley reached the headed stage last week, ending on 37 percent. Barley remains behind average in development. Spring wheat was 43 percent headed, compared with 65 percent last year and 52 percent on average. Winter wheat developed rapidly last week, ending with 84 percent of the crop coloring, up from 52 percent previously. This is ahead of a year ago and the average of 74 percent and 80 percent, respectively. Twenty-nine percent was mature (ripe), compared with twenty-one percent last year and 37 percent on average. Harvested winter wheat was at 5 percent of the total intentions last week, behind 6 percent last year and 22 percent on average.

Row Crops: Development of dry beans last week ended on 85 percent emerged, up from 65 percent reported last week. Corn was 2 percent silked by week's end, normal

for this time of year per last year and the average. Condition of potatoes inside the San Luis valley partly recovered from last week's freeze as temperatures have increased. Virtually all potatoes outside the San Luis Valley had emerged as of last week. Sorghum plantings were virtually complete by week's end while 61 percent had emerged, up from 41 percent previously. Sunflower plantings were 88 percent complete, slightly behind average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 29, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	2	13	56	27
Last Year	0	3	34	49	14
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	3	36	60	1
Last Year	8	12	31	40	9
Winter Wheat					
This Week	27	13	22	31	7
Last Year	47	25	19	8	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 58 percent fair to good across the State, down slightly from 63 percent last week. Last year, 31 percent was rated fair to good while 54 percent is fair to good on average. The first and second cuttings of alfalfa were 85 percent and 9 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 29, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	12	23	24	34	7
Prev. Year - 2013	41	28	20	11	0
5-Year Avg.	20	20	24	30	6

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light, showing an improvement 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 29, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	85	72	81	85
2 nd Cutting	9	6	4	7
Dry Beans				
Emerged	85	65	81	80
Corn				
Silked	2	N/A	1	1
Potatoes				
Outside SLV				
Emerged	96	94	100	94
Sorghum				
Planted	98	78	94	93
Emerged	61	41	63	66
Spring Barley				
Headed	37	19	58	57
Turning Color	6	-	-	5
Spring Wheat				
Headed	43	34	65	52
Turning Color	5	4	-	4
Sunflowers				
Planted	88	76	75	90
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	84	52	74	80
Ripe	29	-	21	37
Harvested	5	-	6	22

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	9	27	45	16
Corn	1	5	27	46	21
Dry Beans	0	0	69	27	4
Livestock	0	2	23	65	10
Onions	0	1	16	70	13
Potatoes Inside SLV	4	10	29	47	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	24	62	13
Sorghum	0	9	62	28	1
Sugarbeets	1	4	20	57	18
Sunflowers	0	29	46	22	3

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