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Agricultural Summary: Warm, dry conditions east of the Front Range spurred crop development and allowed the winter wheat harvest and hay cuttings to advance rapidly. High winds reportedly impacted several areas along eastern Colorado. However, beneficial rains received late last week in eastern Colorado resulted in slightly improved conditions in most crops. Reporters indicated some dry patches remained unaffected by precipitation throughout eastern Colorado. Strong hail producing storms reduced the condition of some fields in the northeastern and eastern districts. The vast majority of the San Luis Valley remains dry and in need of moisture. However, the dry conditions throughout the valley allowed producers to focus on hay cuttings. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	37	45	2
Last Week	17	37	43	3
Last Year	35	46	19	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	28	46	1
Last Week	26	29	44	1
Last Year	49	40	11	0

Small Grains: Spring barley was 88 percent headed and 15 percent was turning color, up from last week's 73 percent and 10 percent, respectively. Development of the crop was slightly behind average. Spring wheat was 94 percent headed with 17 percent turning color by week's end. Winter wheat was estimated at 98 percent coloring and 84 percent ripe, up from 93 percent and 61 percent last week, respectively. Conditions allowed producers to make considerable progress in the harvest of winter wheat, up 24 percentage points from the previous week, ending on 46 percent complete.

Row Crops: Twenty-six percent of the dry bean crop was in the flowering stage, ahead of 11 percent last year and the average of 13 percent. Eight percent of the corn crop was in the silking stage, compared with 7 percent

last year and 10 percent on average. Eighty-six percent of the sorghum crop was emerged, slightly behind 93 percent last year and 95 percent on average. One percent of the crop was headed, behind 4 percent last year and 9 percent on average. Sunflower plantings were virtually complete by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 13, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	2	13	56	27
Last Year	0	3	38	53	6
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	40	57	1
Last Year	7	12	39	38	4
Winter Wheat					
This Week	26	12	22	29	11
Last Year	45	26	19	9	1

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 58 percent fair to good across the State, unchanged from last week. Last year, 30 percent was rated fair to good while 54 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete while the second cutting was an estimated 37 percent complete. The second cutting was ahead of last year and the five-year average of 27 percent and 29 percent, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 13, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	12	23	24	34	7
Prev. Year - 2013	42	27	20	10	1
5-Year Avg.	20	18	24	30	8

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 17 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 13, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	97	93	96	97
2 nd Cutting	37	19	27	29
Dry Beans				
Emerged	96	90	99	96
Flowered	26	1	11	13
Corn				
Silked	8	3	7	10
Sorghum				
Emerged	86	81	93	95
Headed	1	-	4	9
Spring Barley				
Headed	88	73	91	91
Turning Color	15	10	16	27
Spring Wheat				
Headed	94	80	95	87
Turning Color	17	12	20	20
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	92	94	98
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	98	93	99	99
Ripe	84	61	67	78
Harvested	46	22	40	51

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	9	27	43	19
Corn	1	4	25	52	18
Dry Beans	0	0	60	35	5
Livestock	0	2	22	65	11
Onions	0	2	15	68	15
Potatoes Inside SLV	4	10	24	51	11
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	17	69	13
Sorghum	0	16	56	28	0
Sugarbeets	0	4	19	57	20
Sunflowers	0	25	40	30	5

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