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Agricultural Summary: Last week was characterized by below normal temperatures and increased precipitation throughout the state. The lack of heat units slowed crop development in some instances while precipitation slowed harvesting and cutting activities, although some progress was made. Hail damage was reported in the San Luis Valley, the eastern district and southeastern districts. The most significant damage noted was within the San Luis Valley, with most damage particular to potatoes, alfalfa, and small grains. Reporters indicated non-irrigated cropland within the valley responded nicely to the increased precipitation. Outside the San Luis Valley, condition of some crops fell slightly last week as a result of the low temperatures and isolated hail damage. Farmers were allowed 4.9 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	37	49	2
Last Week	16	37	45	2
Last Year	35	45	20	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	32	43	1
Last Week	25	28	46	1
Last Year	49	38	13	0

Small Grains: Ninety-two percent of the spring barley crop was headed while 19 percent was coloring. Harvest of spring barley began last week ending on 2 percent complete. Thirty-five percent of the spring wheat crop was turning color, up from 17 percent previously. This is compared with 40 percent last year and 37 percent on average. Ninety-four percent of the winter wheat crop was mature, with harvest estimated at 68 percent complete, up from 46 percent the previous week.

Row Crops: Forty-five percent of the dry bean crop was blooming, up from 26 percent last week. This is compared with 31 percent last year and the average of 33 percent. Twenty-five percent of the corn crop was silking

by week's end, up from the previous week's 8 percent. Sorghum progress was estimated at 90 percent emerged and 5 percent headed, compared with 99 percent and 17 percent on average, respectively.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 20, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	14	53	27
Last Year	0	2	35	57	6
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	41	50	1
Last Year	7	13	37	39	4
Winter Wheat					
This Week	26	12	22	30	10
Last Year	36	29	22	11	2

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 58 percent fair to good across the State, unchanged from last week. Last year, 35 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa, estimated at 46 percent complete, was slightly behind 51 percent last year and level with the five-year average. The third cutting started last week with an estimated 5 percent complete by week's end.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 20, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	11	24	25	33	7
Prev. Year - 2013	38	26	23	12	1
5-Year Avg.	20	18	23	33	6

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 17 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 20, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	46	37	51	46
3 rd Cutting	5	N/A	-	1
Dry Beans				
Flowered	45	26	31	33
Corn				
Silked	25	8	26	27
Sorghum				
Emerged	90	86	99	99
Headed	5	1	11	17
Spring Barley				
Headed	92	88	96	97
Turning Color	19	15	26	44
Harvested	2	N/A	1	3
Spring Wheat				
Headed	96	94	98	93
Turning Color	35	17	40	37
Harvested	2	N/A	2	1
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	94	84	93	92
Harvested	68	46	71	71

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	28	44	15
Corn	2	5	25	51	17
Dry Beans	0	0	58	36	6
Livestock	0	2	21	65	12
Onions	0	2	15	67	16
Potatoes Inside SLV	6	14	26	45	9
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	17	69	13
Sorghum	3	18	51	28	0
Sugarbeets	1	4	19	57	19
Sunflowers	3	21	35	36	5

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