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Agricultural Summary: Widespread precipitation was received across the state last week, halting field operations when it occurred. Reporters noted precipitation had a significant, positive effect on stressed dryland crops and rangeland. Some localized flooding incidents were reported in the western district. Producers in the San Luis Valley experienced continued wet conditions and damaging hail. Reporters indicated some damage to crops was sustained as a result. Farmers were allowed 4.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	34	51	4
Last Week	12	39	47	2
Last Year	26	43	31	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	31	47	1
Last Week	25	33	41	1
Last Year	39	39	22	0

Small Grains: Seventy-three percent of the barley crop was turning color, up from 45 percent a week earlier. Last week, the harvest of barley closed with 28 percent complete. This is compared with last year's 9 percent and the average of 14 percent. Development of spring wheat, estimated at 47 percent coloring, ended last week behind last year and average, 77 and 72 percent, respectively. Harvest of the crop was 6 percent complete by week's end, also behind last year and average, 15 and 12 percent, respectively. Harvest of winter wheat was virtually complete as of last week.

Row Crops: Seventy-five percent of the dry bean crop was flowered, compared with 60 percent last year and 63 percent on average. Corn was 70 percent silked, up from 35 percent a week earlier. Seven percent was in the dough stage. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley saw modest gains last week, ending on 2 percent complete. Development of sorghum was slowed last

week. Four percentage points were gained in emergence with 17 percent emerged by week's end. Last year, 27 percent was emerged while 39 percent is emerged on average.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 3, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	5	23	52	18
Last Year	9	13	32	39	7
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	16	51	27
Last Year	0	5	29	58	8
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	40	51	1
Last Year	14	19	32	31	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 38 percent was rated fair to good while 53 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa, estimated at 68 percent complete, was behind the 78 percent attained last year and the five-year average of 72 percent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 16 percent complete, up from 7 percent last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 3, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	8	23	28	34	7
Prev. Year - 2013	34	28	21	17	0
5-Year Avg.	22	18	25	28	7

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. This is unchanged from last week.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 3, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	68	59	78	72
3 rd Cutting	16	7	7	8
Dry Beans				
Flowered	75	65	60	63
Corn				
Silked	70	35	74	75
Dough	7	-	5	10
Potatoes				
Outside SLV				
Harvested	2	N/A	-	-
Sorghum				
Headed	17	13	27	39
Turning Color	1	-	10	15
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	73	45	67	79
Harvested	28	16	9	14
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	47	40	77	72
Harvested	6	3	15	12
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	96	87	97	98

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	11	28	43	15
Dry Beans	0	0	57	36	7
Livestock	0	2	21	65	12
Onions	0	2	15	68	15
Potatoes Inside SLV	8	15	27	40	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	17	73	9
Sorghum	3	20	48	28	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	19	56	21
Sunflowers	3	21	29	41	6

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