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Agricultural Summary: Widespread precipitation occurred last week in eastern Colorado, causing delays to harvest activities and hay cuttings in several instances; however, producers made measurable progress harvesting and cutting between precipitation events. Such progress was evident throughout the San Luis Valley, where noticeably dry conditions were prevalent last week; although, reporters in the valley noted pastures and ranges have responded nicely to precipitation received prior to last week. Producers were beginning fall planting prep work last week, according to reporters. Farmers were allowed 5.4 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	32	53	3
Last Week	11	34	51	4
Last Year	26	33	39	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	30	47	1
Last Week	21	31	47	1
Last Year	37	40	23	0

Small Grains: Eighty-eight percent of the barley crop was turning color, up 15 percentage points from last week. The harvest gained 17 percentage points, ending on 45 percent complete. This year's harvest activities were ahead of 14 percent harvested a year ago and the average of 24 percent. Sixty-seven percent of the spring wheat crop was coloring by week's end, behind 86 percent last year and 88 percent on average. Spring wheat harvest activities, estimated at 9 percent complete, were behind last year's value and the average of 19 and 18 percent, respectively.

Row Crops: Dry beans advanced to 92 percent flowering from last week's 75 percent, compared with 83 percent last year and 78 percent on average. Eighty-six percent of the state's corn crop was in the silk stage, up 16 percentage points from the previous week. Last week, 20 percentage points worth of corn reached the dough stage, ending on 27 percent. Three percent of the corn

crop was dented as of last week. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 8 percent complete, up from 2 percent the previous week. According to the average, none are harvested by this time. Development of sorghum ended on 34 percent headed and 10 percent coloring, compared with respective averages of 55 and 24 percent.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 10, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	24	51	19
Last Year	10	12	25	46	7
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	16	51	27
Last Year	0	4	38	53	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	40	51	1
Last Year	11	14	34	37	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 47 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa, estimated at 77 percent complete, was behind 84 percent cut last year and the five-year average of 82 percent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 31 percent complete, up from 16 percent last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 10, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	8	22	28	34	8
Prev. Year - 2013	27	26	33	14	0
5-Year Avg.	21	17	27	29	6

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 10, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	77	68	84	82
3 rd Cutting	31	16	12	16
Dry Beans				
Flowered	92	75	83	78
Corn				
Silked	86	70	89	92
Dough	27	7	17	23
Dented	3	N/A	2	2
Potatoes				
Outside SLV				
Harvested	8	2	-	-
Sorghum				
Headed	34	17	36	55
Turning Color	10	1	14	24
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	88	73	80	91
Harvested	45	28	14	24
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	67	47	86	88
Harvested	9	6	19	18

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	27	44	16
Dry Beans	0	0	58	35	7
Livestock	0	2	21	65	12
Onions	0	1	14	69	16
Potatoes Inside SLV	8	15	25	42	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	17	73	9
Sorghum	3	20	47	29	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	19	55	22
Sunflowers	3	21	28	42	6

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