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**Agricultural Summary:** Relatively dry conditions prevailed last week with isolated precipitation concentrated throughout the west slope and the northeastern district. Reporters noted dryness in some localities was exacerbated by the hot temperatures and lack of rainfall. Agricultural activities were progressing last week in localities where conditions were ideal, such as within the San Luis Valley. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	32	54	3
Last Week	12	32	53	3
Last Year	19	34	45	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	31	46	1
Last Week	22	30	47	1
Last Year	34	40	26	0

**Small Grains:** Virtually all barley was in the coloring stage while 56 percent was harvested. This year's harvest is ahead of last year and the average of 24 and 35 percent, respectively. Eighty percent of the spring wheat crop was coloring by week's end, behind 94 percent last year and the average of 95 percent. Harvest activities for spring wheat ended on 13 percent complete, behind 31 percent last year and 24 percent on average.

**Row Crops:** Dry beans were virtually all blooming as of last week. Ninety-four percent of the corn crop was silked, 53 percent was in the dough stage, and 5 percent was dented compared with the respective averages of 98, 43, and 7 percent. Harvest of onions was in the beginning stages last week, with 1 percent complete by week's end. A year ago, 3 percent was complete while 8 percent is harvested on average by now. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 9 percent complete, behind 21 percent last year and 14 percent on average. Development of sorghum ended on 50 percent

headed and 20 percent coloring, compared with respective averages of 70 and 33 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 17, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	23	52	19
Last Year	10	13	29	44	4
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	16	51	27
Last Year	0	1	40	55	4
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	36	55	1
Last Year	9	13	33	41	4

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 62 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 49 percent was rated fair to good while 58 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa, estimated at 89 percent complete, was slightly behind 92 percent cut last year and the five-year average of 90 percent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 40 percent complete, ahead of 20 percent last year the average of 26 percent.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 17, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	8	22	28	34	8
Prev. Year - 2013	24	27	32	17	0
5-Year Avg.	21	16	25	33	5

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 14 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Last week's supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 17, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	89	77	92	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	40	31	20	26
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	95	92	94	88
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	94	86	97	98
Dough	53	27	41	43
Dented	5	3	5	7
<b>Onions</b>				
Harvested	1	-	3	8
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Outside SLV Harvested	9	8	21	14
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	50	34	52	70
Turning Color	20	10	23	33
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	98	88	97	98
Harvested	56	45	24	35
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	80	67	94	95
Harvested	13	9	31	24

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	3	11	25	44	17
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	0	49	40	11
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	20	64	14
<b>Onions</b>	0	1	14	69	16
<b>Potatoes Inside SLV</b>	6	15	26	43	10
<b>Potatoes Outside SLV</b>	0	1	17	73	9
<b>Sorghum</b>	3	20	47	29	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	3	19	54	23
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	21	27	42	7

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