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Agricultural Summary: Last week, fieldwork was cut short as widespread precipitation continued in all districts outside the San Luis Valley. Consequently, little progress was noted concerning harvest activities, hay cuttings, and fall seedings. Recent precipitation has generally improved conditions of pastures, ranges and crops that are still developing. Some exceptions to this were noted as row crops in several localities that have experienced consistent dry conditions were too far along in development for rains to have a significant positive effect. Across the San Luis Valley, cool, fall-like conditions were becoming increasingly prevalent according to reporters. Some localities in the valley experienced isolated precipitation on Tuesday, delaying harvest and cutting activities in those areas. Statewide, farmers were allowed 4.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	31	53	7
Last Week	9	31	56	4
Last Year	23	42	35	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	30	52	1
Last Week	17	31	51	1
Last Year	36	43	21	0

Small Grains: The harvest of barley was 70 percent complete by week's end, up 5 percentage points from the previous week. Virtually all spring wheat was mature as of last week while 35 percent was harvested, up from 28 percent previously. Winter wheat seedings were in the beginning stages last week with 1 percent complete thus far.

Row Crops: Development of corn was estimated at 86 percent dough and 32 percent dented, up 17 and 19 percentage points from the previous week, respectively. Six percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested, up from 3 percent previously. Dry beans were 3 percent cut, behind 23 percent last year and 16 percent on average. The harvest of onions was 8 percent complete by week's end, behind 13 percent last year and the average of 25 percent. Five percent of potatoes inside

the San Luis Valley were harvested as of last week, behind 8 percent last year and on average. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 30 percent complete, continuing slightly behind last year and the average of 33 and 34 percent, respectively. Sorghum was 84 percent headed, up 10 percentage points from the previous week. Thirty-two percent of the crop was coloring, behind 41 percent last year and 48 percent on average. Maturity of sorghum was estimated at 10 percent complete, compared with 3 percent a year ago and 8 percent on average.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 31, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	23	52	19
Last Year	14	12	27	41	6
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	36	55	1
Last Year	13	12	34	37	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 64 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 49 percent was rated fair to good while 57 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete by week's end. The third and fourth cuttings were estimated at 59 and 1 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 31, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	27	37	9
Prev. Year - 2013	24	27	30	19	0
5-Year Avg.	20	18	29	28	5

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Last week's supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 31, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	97	93	100	98
3 rd Cutting	59	46	52	50
4 th Cutting	1	N/A	-	2
Corn				
Dough	86	69	84	80
Dented	32	13	31	36
Corn Silage				
Harvested	6	3	10	11
Dry Beans				
Cut	3	-	23	16
Onions				
Harvested	8	4	13	25
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	5	-	8	8
Outside SLV				
Harvested	30	20	33	34
Sorghum				
Headed	84	74	77	88
Turning Color	32	25	41	48
Mature	10	7	3	8
Spring Barley				
Harvested	70	65	64	69
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	99	88	100	100
Harvested	35	28	65	47
Winter Wheat				
Planted	1	N/A	3	1

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	24	46	17
Dry Beans	0	0	40	47	13
Livestock	0	1	19	66	14
Onions	0	1	14	66	19
Potatoes Inside SLV	6	12	28	44	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	17	73	9
Sorghum	3	15	49	32	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	17	55	24
Sunflowers	3	18	28	44	7

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