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Agricultural Summary: Planting and harvesting activities continued between precipitation events while some localities experienced heavier precipitation than normal, limiting field accessibility. Locally heavy precipitation was sporadic while the remainder of Colorado experienced conditions ranging from relatively dry to wet and overcast. Reports of frost have begun to surface in the northeastern district, with some damage to standing row crops noted by reporters. Statewide, farmers were allowed 5.1 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	31	53	8
Last Week	9	32	52	7
Last Year	13	25	49	13

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	32	50	1
Last Week	17	32	50	1
Last Year	29	34	34	3

Small Grains: Barley was 89 percent harvested last week, slightly behind 94 percent a year ago and the average of 95 percent. The harvest of spring wheat was 69 percent complete, also behind last year and the average of 94 and 75 percent, respectively. Seeding of winter wheat was on par with the average, with 20 percent complete by week's end.

Row Crops: Seventy-six percent of the corn crop was dented, up from 48 percent previously. Ten percent was mature, behind 18 percent last year and 22 percent on average. Forty-two percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested, compared with 52 percent last year and 46 percent on average. By week's end, dry bean cutting and harvesting activities remained behind average as 30 percent of the dry bean crop was cut while 11 percent was harvested. On average, 46 percent is cut and 21 percent harvested by this time. The harvest of onions gained 10 percentage points from the previous week ending on 24 percent complete. This is behind 31 percent last year and the average of 45 percent. Fifteen percent of

potatoes inside the San Luis Valley were harvested as of last week, behind 25 percent last year and 23 percent on average. Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were 60 percent harvested as of last week, behind last year's 70 percent, but ahead of 56 percent on average. Fifty-seven percent of the sorghum crop was coloring, behind 77 percent last year and 76 percent on average. Maturity of sorghum was estimated at 22 percent complete, equal to the average. The harvest of sorghum saw modest gains last week, ending with 2 percent complete. Harvest of sugarbeets has begun with 5 percent complete as of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 14, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	26	52	16
Last Year	20	19	28	29	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 64 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 53 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average. The third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were estimated at 67 and 9 percent complete, respectively. On average, the third and fourth cuttings are 69 and 8 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 14, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	26	38	9
Prev. Year - 2013	18	29	32	21	0
5-Year Avg.	21	19	30	26	4

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Last week's supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 14, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	67	63	74	69
4 th Cutting	9	6	5	8
Corn				
Dented	76	48	80	76
Mature	10	1	18	22
Corn Silage				
Harvested	42	26	52	46
Dry Beans				
Cut	30	20	50	46
Harvested	11	7	28	21
Onions				
Harvested	24	14	31	45
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	15	10	25	23
Outside SLV				
Harvested	60	49	70	56
Sorghum				
Turning Color	57	36	77	76
Mature	22	14	11	22
Harvested	2	1	1	2
Spring Barley				
Harvested	89	80	94	95
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	69	59	94	75
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	5	N/A	2	2
Winter Wheat				
Planted	20	5	21	21
Emerged	2	N/A	2	1

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	11	25	44	17
Dry Beans	0	1	41	42	16
Livestock	0	1	19	66	14
Onions	0	1	16	64	19
Potatoes Inside SLV	6	12	25	47	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	18	74	7
Sorghum	3	15	49	32	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	18	56	22
Sunflowers	3	18	28	43	8

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