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Agricultural Summary: Field activities continued on pace despite numerous weather events across the State. Precipitation was received in the eastern district temporarily suspending harvest and winter wheat seeding. However, no immediate concerns of crop quality were noted. Warm temperatures last week were beneficial for winter wheat emergence. Statewide, farmers were allowed 4.9 days in the field for operations.

81 percent. San Luis Valley potatoes were 63 percent harvested, up from 36 percent previously. Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were 97 percent harvested, compared with the average of 94 percent. Sorghum was 93 percent coloring, 53 percent mature, and 10 percent harvested compared with the averages of 97, 56, and 10 percent, respectively. Thirty-six percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested, compared with 24 percent on average.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	32	55	4
Last Week	9	34	53	4
Last Year	NA	NA	NA	NA

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	31	51	1
Last Week	17	33	49	1
Last Year	NA	NA	NA	NA

Small Grains: Harvesting activities for spring wheat were beginning to wind down, with 92 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was 90 percent planted as of last week, up from 71 percent a week earlier and ahead of 81 percent on average. Fifty-five percent was emerged, continuing ahead of the average.

Row Crops: Maturity of corn was estimated at 65 percent, up 26 percentage points from the week earlier. Harvest activities continued last week, with 11 percent harvested by week's end. Ninety-two percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested, compared with 93 percent on average. Dry beans were 86 percent cut while 52 percent has been harvested, up from last week's respective figures of 72 and 42 percent. On average, dry beans are 68 percent harvested by now. Onions were 62 percent harvested, behind the average of

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 5, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	6	25	50	17
Last Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 64 percent fair to good across the State. Typically, 55 percent is fair to good on average. The third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were estimated at 94 and 34 percent complete, respectively. On average, the third and fourth cuttings are 91 and 44 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 5, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	27	37	9
Prev. Year - 2013	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5-Year Avg.	21	19	29	26	5

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 11 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Due to the federal government shutdown of October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. This lack of data for these two weeks will have an impact on the historical data published in future Crop Progress reports for the first two weeks of October.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	94	89	NA	91
4 th Cutting	34	26	NA	44
Corn				
Mature	65	39	NA	76
Harvested	11	6	NA	21
Corn Silage				
Harvested	92	85	NA	93
Dry Beans				
Cut	86	72	NA	89
Harvested	52	42	NA	68
Onions				
Harvested	62	51	NA	81
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	63	36	NA	68
Outside SLV				
Harvested	97	92	NA	94
Sorghum				
Turning Color	93	86	NA	97
Mature	53	44	NA	56
Harvested	10	5	NA	10
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	92	83	NA	95
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	36	24	NA	24
Winter Wheat				
Planted	90	71	NA	81
Emerged	55	34	NA	44

- 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	7	47	38	8
Livestock	0	1	19	68	12
Potatoes Inside SLV	6	12	26	47	9
Sorghum	0	17	53	29	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	19	56	21
Sunflowers	1	13	37	41	8

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