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Agricultural Summary: Dry conditions prevailed in the northeastern district while precipitation events were reported elsewhere. Precipitation received throughout the east central and southeastern districts created ideal conditions for germination of winter wheat. Harvest activities in the San Luis Valley were bogged down following precipitation events towards the latter half of last week. Reporters indicated some localities in western Colorado have yet to receive a hard freeze which is delaying harvest activities for some late season crops in those areas. Statewide, farmers were allowed 5.5 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	30	61	4
Last Week	9	32	55	4
Last Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Available.

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	31	53	1
Last Week	17	31	51	1
Last Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Available.

Small Grains: Harvesting activities for spring wheat were virtually complete by week's end. Winter wheat seeding was virtually complete while 70 percent had emerged, up from 55 percent previously.

Row Crops: Corn was estimated at 81 percent mature and 14 percent harvested, behind 88 and 32 percent on average, respectively. Virtually all of the corn intended for silage was harvested last week. Dry beans were 93 percent cut while 64 percent has been harvested, behind respective averages of 95 and 79 percent. Onions were 78 percent harvested, behind the average of 88 percent. San Luis Valley potatoes were 79 percent harvested, up from 63 percent previously. Virtually all sorghum was coloring, 61 percent was mature, and 13 percent was

harvested. On average, sorghum is 71 percent mature and 15 percent harvested by now. The harvest of sugarbeets gained 10 percentage points last week, ending with 46 percent complete. On average, sugarbeets are 36 percent harvested by this time. The sunflower crop was 4 percent harvested by week's end, behind 34 percent on average.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 12, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	7	47	37	8
Last Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corn					
This Week	1	5	25	52	17
Last Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Available.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 67 percent fair to good across the State. Typically, 57 percent is fair to good on average. The third cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete as of last week. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 56 percent complete, up from 34 percent a week earlier. On average, the fourth cutting is 57 percent complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 12, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	5	20	26	41	8
Prev. Year - 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-Year Avg.	19	17	29	28	7

N/A - Not Available.

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

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 12, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	99	94	N/A	95
4 th Cutting	56	34	N/A	57
Corn				
Mature	81	65	N/A	88
Harvested	14	11	N/A	32
Corn Silage				
Harvested	96	92	N/A	97
Dry Beans				
Cut	93	86	N/A	95
Harvested	64	52	N/A	79
Onions				
Harvested	78	62	N/A	88
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	79	63	N/A	82
Sorghum				
Turning Color	97	93	N/A	98
Mature	61	53	N/A	71
Harvested	13	10	N/A	15
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	97	92	N/A	99
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	46	36	N/A	36
Sunflowers				
Harvested	4	-	N/A	34
Winter Wheat				
Planted	95	90	N/A	91
Emerged	70	55	N/A	61

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	11	26	44	16
Livestock	0	1	18	68	13
Sorghum	0	15	56	28	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	19	54	23
Sunflowers	1	18	32	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.