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Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions were ideal for harvest activities through most of last week. The northeastern district received some localized precipitation while conditions remained relatively dry elsewhere. Some concerns were expressed in the northeastern district regarding warm temperatures leading to advanced growth of early planted winter wheat. However, overall winter wheat conditions showed an improvement from the previous week. Statewide, farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	35	57	1
Last Week	7	34	57	2
Last Year	9	24	66	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	33	51	1
Last Week	15	32	52	1
Last Year	21	33	46	0

Row Crops: The harvest of corn continued behind average, with 72 percent complete by week's end. Sorghum harvest activity picked up in pace last week with a gain of 21 percentage points from the previous week. Sixty-two percent was harvested as of last week. On average, 67 percent of the sorghum crop is harvested by this time. Sugarbeets were 92 percent harvested as of last week, compared with 94 percent last year and 95

percent on average. The sunflower harvest continued behind average, with 63 percent complete by week's end. A year earlier, 81 percent of the crop was harvested while, on average, 76 percent is harvested by this time.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 9, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	6	40	41	13
Last Year	1	4	33	50	12

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 65 percent fair to good across the State. On average, 58 percent is fair to good. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete as of last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 9, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	28	37	8
Prev. Year - 2013	18	20	29	32	1
5-Year Avg.	19	21	31	27	2

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 9, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	97	93	99	90
Corn				
Harvested	72	61	84	81
Sorghum				
Harvested	62	41	68	67
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	92	86	94	95
Sunflowers				
Harvested	63	40	81	76

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	20	66	12
Sorghum	0	18	53	28	1
Sunflowers	1	18	33	40	8

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