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Agricultural Summary: Temperatures across the state continued to be above average last week. Scattered showers were received throughout Colorado but precipitation is still well below normal for this time of year. Topsoil moisture decreased while subsoil amounts stayed about the same as the previous week. Producers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	36	46	3
Last Week	15	31	50	4
Last Year	22	36	39	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	38	49	2
Last Week	11	37	50	2
Last Year	37	41	21	1

Small Grains: Spring barley was 99 percent turning color and 17 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was 93 percent turning color and 12 percent harvested last week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 41 percent headed and 3 percent turning color. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions and sunflowers are rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 88 percent silked and 19 percent dough by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition. Sugarbeets are still in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 69 percent flowered with the crop in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 5, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	3	25	45	27
Last Year	1	9	26	44	20
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	4	29	45	22
Last Year	1	6	32	45	16

Alfalfa Hay: Second cutting was 85 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop condition decreased last week, but is still in mostly good condition.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range are rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated below average for the week. Livestock condition is rated in mostly good to excellent. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 5, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	3	11	37	41	8
Prev. Year	30	32	30	7	1
5-Year Avg.	26	25	30	17	2

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 5, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	93	71	88	86
Harvested	12	6	19	26
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	99	90	97	92
Harvested	17	10	22	23
Corn				
Silked	88	63	72	72
Dough	19	8	18	15
Sorghum				
Headed	41	35	52	39
Turning Color	3	1	8	2
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	85	79	71	71
Dry Beans				
Flowered	69	61	85	66

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	0	3	25	45	27
Spring Wheat	0	4	29	45	22
Corn	3	7	22	52	16
Sorghum	0	0	18	76	6
Sunflowers	0	1	13	72	14
Alfalfa	1	3	26	56	14
Dry Beans	0	2	15	71	12
Summer Potatoes	0	5	18	32	45
Fall Potatoes	0	5	35	45	15
Sugarbeets	0	3	21	66	10
Dry Onions	1	4	20	58	17
Livestock	0	1	12	71	16

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

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