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Agricultural Summary: The State of Colorado continued to experience well below average amounts of moisture and above average temperatures last week. These arid conditions are putting stress on dryland crops while even irrigated land is starting to suffer. Producers were allowed 6.1 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	43	30	0
Last Week	28	39	33	0
Last Year	14	33	51	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	38	44	18	0
Last Week	33	45	21	1
Last Year	11	38	50	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 88 percent harvested this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to very poor condition. Spring barley was 78 percent turning color and 8 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 61 percent turning color, 5 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 57 percent silked and 5 percent dough with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 41 percent headed and 30 percent turning color with the crop in mostly poor to fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 27, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	6	29	48	16
Last Year	0	2	24	42	32
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	8	34	43	14
Last Year	1	3	29	41	26

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to very poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 68 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated just above average while sheep were rated at average. Stored feed supplies were rated below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 27, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	27	28	32	12	1
Prev. Year - 2007	3	10	37	45	5
5-Year Avg.	13	21	37	27	2

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 27, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	88	50	99	98
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	78	50	87	81
Harvested	8	0	8	8
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	61	37	66	71
Harvested	5	0	4	10
Corn				
Silked	57	34	56	48
Dough	5	0	6	3
Sorghum				
Headed	41	31	32	24
Turning Color	30	20	1	1
Dry Beans				
Emerged	96	86	100	97
Flowered	59	32	57	46
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	68	42	76	57

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	6	29	48	16
Spring Wheat	1	8	34	43	14
Corn	6	15	31	33	15
Alfalfa	1	7	34	44	14
Dry Onions	2	3	25	52	18
Summer Potatoes	8	8	15	54	15
Fall Potatoes	0	5	31	51	13
Dry Beans	1	1	23	62	13
Sugarbeets	2	4	24	49	21
Sunflowers	16	21	27	21	15
Sorghum	17	27	44	11	1
Livestock	1	9	26	53	11

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