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Agricultural Summary: Most of the state continued to experience below average amounts of moisture and well above average temperatures last week. Only a few areas, such as Pueblo, received measureable amounts of precipitation. The areas that obtained moisture showed improvement in their crops but the rest of the state still suffers from the extremely dry and hot conditions. Producers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	43	28	0
Last Week	27	43	30	0
Last Year	15	35	47	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	39	44	17	0
Last Week	38	44	18	0
Last Year	11	38	49	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest was completed this week. Spring barley was 87 percent turning color and 15 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 75 percent turning color, 10 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 80 percent silked and 16 percent dough with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 64 percent headed and 40 percent turning color with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 3, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	7	24	43	25
Last Year	0	3	25	44	28
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	10	28	37	24
Last Year	0	4	29	44	23

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to very poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 78 percent complete while third cutting was 8 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 August 3, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	31	27	29	11	2
Prev. Year - 2007	3	11	37	42	7
5-Year Avg.	13	22	35	26	4

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 3, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	87	78	96	93
Harvested	15	8	15	17
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	75	61	87	87
Harvested	10	5	10	20
Corn				
Silked	80	57	81	69
Dough	16	5	16	13
Sorghum				
Headed	64	41	39	38
Turning Color	40	30	2	2
Dry Beans				
Flowered	72	59	67	62
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	78	68	83	71
3 rd Cutting	8	0	0	1

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	7	24	43	25
Spring Wheat	1	10	28	37	24
Corn	9	15	32	31	13
Alfalfa	1	8	31	41	19
Dry Onions	3	3	22	58	14
Summer Potatoes	8	8	15	53	16
Fall Potatoes	0	7	25	47	21
Dry Beans	1	1	24	62	12
Sugarbeets	3	5	25	46	21
Sunflowers	16	21	32	19	12
Sorghum	12	18	52	17	1
Livestock	1	8	24	60	7

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