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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received below normal amounts of moisture and temperatures were about 3 degrees cooler than the average for this time of year. These conditions allowed producers 5.9 days suitable for field operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	27	59	9
Last Week	7	29	60	4
Last Year	20	36	42	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	37	43	9
Last Week	14	38	43	5
Last Year	13	44	40	3

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeded was complete by week's end and was 87 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The corn crop was 97 percent mature and 45 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Ninety-seven percent of the corn silage crop has been harvested. Sorghum was 95 percent mature and 39 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to poor condition. The dry bean crop was 93 percent cut, 79 percent harvested, and in mostly fair to good condition for the week. Dry onions were 98 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 42 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop was 51 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Summer potatoes were 98 percent harvested while fall potatoes were 94 percent by week's end.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 19, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	9	31	30	26
Last Year	1	3	19	53	24
Sorghum					
This Week	12	27	33	23	5
Last Year	0	0	21	66	13

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions rated in mostly fair to good condition. Third cutting alfalfa harvest was complete by week's end while fourth cutting was 56 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated just above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 19, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	8	20	40	27	5
Prev. Year - 2007	4	13	36	44	3
5-Year Avg.	8	21	40	28	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 19, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	87	74	78	86
Corn				
Mature	97	88	100	98
Harvested	45	34	46	37
Corn Silage				
Harvested	97	92	100	99
Sorghum				
Mature	95	88	95	81
Harvested	39	28	42	29
Dry Beans				
Cut	93	90	99	98
Harvested	79	71	89	85
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	56	36	60	59
Dry Onions				
Harvested	98	90	99	97
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	42	28	43	40
Sunflowers				
Harvested	51	40	66	47
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	94	80	90	93
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	98	95	98	97

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	25	51	24
Alfalfa	2	8	34	36	20
Dry Beans	1	2	42	39	16
Sugarbeets	2	4	19	42	33
Sunflowers	4	14	27	23	32
Livestock	0	6	19	63	12

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