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Agricultural Summary: Colorado continued to experience warm, dry conditions across most of the State last week. According to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office, rainfall was below average for this time of year while temperatures were slightly above normal. These conditions allowed producers 6.3 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	35	55	3
Last Week	7	32	56	5
Last Year	5	30	61	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	38	52	4
Last Week	6	37	52	5
Last Year	20	43	36	1

Small Grains: Spring barley was 62 percent harvested by week's end, while spring wheat was reported at 40 percent and rated in mostly good condition. Both crops are currently behind their 5-year averages for harvest.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Corn is now 60 percent complete in the dough stage and 30 percent in the dent stage, 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum turning color and maturing stages continue to progress ahead of their 5-year averages. Dry onions, reported at 23 percent harvested, are 9 points behind their 5-year average. Summer potatoes harvested, reported at 20 percent, are 11 points behind the average. Harvesting of fall potatoes began last week. Dry bean acreage has nearly completed the flowering stage and entered the cutting stage this past week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 6, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	5	19	43	33
Last Year	5	18	25	37	15

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado decreased slightly last week. This was seen from a drop of 9 points in the good and excellent combined categories. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with third cutting alfalfa, at 25 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 14 percentage points.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week. Death losses for cattle were rated slightly above average while sheep losses were rated slightly below. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 6, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	9	32	47	8
Prev. Year - 2008	10	23	40	24	3
5-Year Avg.	9	20	36	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 6, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	83	62	83	84
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	48	40	44	65
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	12	2	14	10
Corn				
Dough	74	60	97	81
Dent	40	30	55	44
Mature	12	6	10	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	17	10	16	22
Sorghum				
Headed	91	84	100	96
Turning Color	60	55	90	49
Mature	23	16	19	12
Harvested	4	N/A	0	0
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	26	20	24	41
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	8	2	17	7
Dry Onions				
Harvested	31	23	31	41
Dry Beans				
Cut	20	5	14	22
Harvested	6	N/A	3	6
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	98	93	100	98
3 rd Cutting	35	25	54	49

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

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	17	56	22
Corn	2	10	24	48	16
Sugarbeets	0	1	12	65	22
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	95	5
Fall Potatoes	1	4	25	43	27
Sorghum	0	2	23	65	10
Sunflowers	3	4	25	47	21
Dry Beans	0	1	28	61	10
Dry Onions	3	3	6	66	22
Livestock	0	1	12	76	11