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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average amounts of precipitation for the week. Temperatures across the State were slightly above normal for this time of year, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 6.5 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	34	58	1
Last Week	3	27	69	1
Last Year	7	32	56	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	30	64	0
Last Week	4	25	69	2
Last Year	6	37	52	5

Small Grains: Spring barley was 59 percent harvested, 5 points behind the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 32 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 86 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 30 percent dented and was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 6 percent complete, behind the 5-year average of 12 percent. Sorghum was 48 percent turning color with 6 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Dry onions were 21 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 18 percent harvested with the crop reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were 2 percent harvested and reported in mostly good to excellent condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/ Week ending August 29, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	25	61	12
Last Year	0	4	20	44	32

Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 6 percent cut at the end of the week. The crop reported in mostly good to excellent condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in mostly good to fair condition last week. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 47 percent completed. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending August 29, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	8	35	50	7
Prev. Year - 2009	3	10	36	43	8
5-Year Avg.	9	19	37	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 29, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Spring Barley				
Harvested	59	39	59	64
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	32	20	39	44
Corn				
Dough	86	72	58	69
Dent	30	10	28	30
Corn Silage				
Harvested	6	2	9	12
Sorghum				
Headed	99	94	83	91
Coloring	48	40	54	48
Mature	6	1	15	9
Dry Onions				
Harvested	21	9	21	25
Dry Beans				
Cut	6	1	4	8
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	47	38	24	34
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	18	10	19	26
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	2	-	2	3

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	3	9	80	8
Corn	0	2	14	62	22
Sorghum	1	4	19	57	19
Dry Onions	0	0	5	83	12
Dry Beans	0	4	14	78	4
Alfalfa	0	4	21	57	18
Sugarbeets	0	0	7	74	19
Summer Potatoes	0	8	10	80	2
Fall Potatoes	0	1	14	60	25
Sunflowers	0	2	19	57	22

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