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Agricultural Summary: Drought conditions continue across Colorado. Winter wheat harvest has rapidly progressed due to the hot and dry conditions. The State experienced little to no precipitation last week with record high temperatures reported in several areas. A few isolated thunderstorms along with hail were reported in the San Luis Valley. Range conditions continue to deteriorate across much of the State due to limited moisture. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	69	24	7	0
Last Week	61	29	10	0
Last Year	10	36	53	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	58	34	8	0
Last Week	50	38	12	0
Last Year	15	27	57	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 98 percent ripe, 58 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop harvest continued with 87 percent harvested at week's end, 73 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Spring barley was 74 percent headed and 15 percent turning color. The crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 66 percent headed, 11 percent turning color, and was reported in mostly fair to good condition by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 5 percent silked, 4 percentage-points ahead of the 5-year average, with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry bean progress increased to 90 percent emerged and the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 75 percent emerged and was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Summer potatoes were also rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sugarbeets and onions were rated in mostly good to fair condition while fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower planting progressed to 95 percent complete by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 1, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	15	21	30	33	1
Last Year	2	3	24	64	7
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	3	41	55	1
Last Year	0	2	38	51	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	10	46	43	0
Last Year	0	7	44	40	9
Winter Wheat					
This Week	10	24	41	24	1
Last Year	11	16	37	29	7

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland rapidly declined due to the combination of high winds and limited moisture. There have been several reports of pasture grasses growing very little or going dormant due to the dry conditions. Pastureland is rated mostly very poor to fair condition across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 96 percent of the 1st cutting complete and 30 percent of the 2nd cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly fair to good condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 1, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	39	38	20	3	0
Prev. Year - 2011	19	21	23	31	6
5-Year Avg.	9	13	28	40	10

Livestock: The condition of livestock declined a bit last week but remains in mostly good condition. Producers across the State are relocating or reducing their livestock numbers due to the poor condition of pastureland. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 1, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	96	90	87	87
2 nd Cutting	30	13	3	8
Corn				
Silked	5	1	-	1
Dry Beans				
Planted	99	94	99	94
Emerged	90	80	73	74
Sorghum				
Emerged	75	37	61	71
Spring Barley				
Headed	74	62	64	63
Turning Color	15	N/A	-	7
Spring Wheat				
Headed	66	55	55	53
Turning Color	11	N/A	-	5
Sunflowers				
Planted	95	85	97	96
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	98	82	29	40
Harvested	87	45	18	14

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	16	21	35	26	2
Dry Beans	9	20	43	28	0
Dry Onions	4	20	31	42	3
Fall Potatoes	0	0	22	68	10
Livestock	8	11	32	48	1
Sorghum	7	26	33	31	3
Sugarbeets	1	8	36	40	15
Summer Potatoes	7	13	40	40	0
Sunflowers	8	25	31	34	2

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