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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received above average levels of precipitation but drought conditions continue. Temperature levels were slightly above average for this time of year. A few showers were reported with hail in the San Luis Valley. Irrigated crops have progressed ahead of normal due to the hot temperatures but concerns over dwindling water reserves remain. Range conditions are still in critical condition despite the moisture. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	44	34	22	0
Last Week	53	26	21	0
Last Year	8	22	64	6

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	51	36	13	0
Last Week	53	32	15	0
Last Year	14	21	62	3

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest has come to a close with 99 percent harvested at week's end, 49 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Spring barley was 99 percent headed and 35 percent turning color. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 97 percent headed, 31 percent turning color, and was reported in mostly good condition by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 20 percent silked, 6 percentage-points ahead of the 5-year average, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Dry bean progress was reported 22 percent flowered and the crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 97 percent emerged and 10 percent headed. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sugarbeets, summer potatoes, and onions were rated in mostly good to fair condition while fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 15, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	17	21	29	29	4
Last Year	1	2	25	63	9
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	25	68	5
Last Year	0	3	43	47	7
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	4	25	64	6
Last Year	0	7	46	38	9
Sorghum					
This Week	9	14	26	46	5
Last Year	5	18	58	18	1

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland increased slightly with the help of the rain showers from last week. 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 56 percent of the 2nd cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 15, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	38	35	22	5	0
Prev. Year - 2011	18	21	21	29	11
5-Year Avg.	9	13	27	41	10

Livestock: The condition of livestock slightly improved last week but remains in good to fair 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 have been reduced due to the drought and high prices but were still rated average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 15, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	56	37	23	32
Corn				
Silked	20	9	6	14
Dry Beans				
Flowered	22	N/A	-	21
Sorghum				
Emerged	97	92	96	94
Headed	10	5	15	15
Spring Barley				
Headed	99	94	91	92
Turning Color	35	25	36	39
Spring Wheat				
Headed	97	88	91	84
Turning Color	31	21	22	27
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	99	97	48	50

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	16	32	35	5
Dry Beans	3	14	50	31	2
Dry Onions	1	3	37	48	11
Fall Potatoes	0	0	20	80	0
Livestock	5	12	33	46	4
Sugarbeets	3	13	25	47	12
Summer Potatoes	0	6	37	54	3
Sunflowers	12	22	27	37	2

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