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Agricultural Summary: Parts of Colorado experienced some cloudy weather resulting in some precipitation. Overall, the State received below average precipitation with above average temperatures. Drought conditions continue with land designated as CRP opening up for grazing and haying operations. Irrigated crops have progressed ahead of normal due to the hot temperatures but concerns over dwindling water reserves remain. Non-irrigated crops are continuing to decline in the dry and hot conditions. Range conditions continue to decline and are still in critical condition. Farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	36	11	0
Last Week	54	33	13	0
Last Year	12	30	55	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	60	35	5	0
Last Week	57	33	10	0
Last Year	14	26	58	2

Small Grains: Spring barley rapidly progressed to 77 percent turning color with 12 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 68 percent turning color with 12 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 76 percent silked, 20 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Three percent of the crop was reported in the dough stage. The crop condition ratings ranged evenly from very poor to good, but the limited moisture is causing it to decline. Dry bean progress was reported 66 percent flowered and the crop was rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Sorghum progress increased to 34 percent headed with 6 percent turning color. The crop, as of last week, ranged from good to poor condition. Sugarbeets and onions were rated in mostly good to fair condition, while fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition declined and ranged from good to poor at the end of last week. Summer potato condition declined last week to mostly fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 29, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	25	22	26	25	2
Last Year	2	4	27	58	9
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	27	62	5
Last Year	0	2	43	44	11
Spring Wheat					
This Week	16	20	20	44	0
Last Year	0	15	50	29	6
Sorghum					
This Week	19	25	20	34	2
Last Year	5	15	53	25	2

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland continues to decline and is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 77 percent of the 2nd cutting complete and 21 percent of the 3rd cutting complete. The crop condition fell last week and ranged from good to very poor condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 29, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	48	34	16	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	24	12	21	33	10
5-Year Avg.	12	13	31	36	8

Livestock: The condition of livestock is rated fair to good. Producers across the State are relocating or reducing their livestock numbers due to the poor condition of pastureland and the continued high feed costs. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies have been reduced due to the drought and high demand and were rated short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 29, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	77	67	66	66
3 rd Cutting	21	7	2	2
Corn				
Silked	76	59	41	56
Dough	3	1	1	6
Dry Beans				
Flowered	66	49	39	55
Sorghum				
Headed	34	21	60	34
Turning Color	6	-	6	15
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	77	45	72	76
Harvested	12	7	15	10
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	68	38	50	58
Harvested	12	5	3	6

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	18	23	35	22	2
Dry Beans	9	21	55	15	0
Dry Onions	1	5	35	50	9
Fall Potatoes	0	0	22	68	10
Livestock	8	18	43	30	1
Sugarbeets	3	11	24	44	18
Summer Potatoes	8	15	52	25	0
Sunflowers	15	26	30	27	2

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

