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Agricultural Summary: Dry and windy conditions prevailed last week across Colorado with a few exceptions along the Front Range receiving above average rainfall. Most of the State, however, experienced below average precipitation and above average temperatures. Some land designated as CRP is available for grazing and haying operations. Irrigated crops continue to progress ahead of normal due to the hot temperatures but concerns over dwindling water reserves remain. Non-irrigated crop conditions continue to decline in the dry conditions. Range conditions continue to decline and are still in critical condition. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	51	40	9	0
Last Week	53	36	11	0
Last Year	11	30	55	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	59	35	6	0
Last Week	60	35	5	0
Last Year	16	29	52	3

Small Grains: Spring barley rapidly progressed to 88 percent turning color with 17 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 91 percent turning color with 18 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 92 percent silked, 26 percent dough, and 4 percent dented. The crop condition ratings ranged evenly from very poor to fair. Some producers are now intending to harvest the poorer fields for silage or for purposes other than grain. Dry bean progress was reported 69 percent flowered and the crop ranged in poor to good condition. Dry onions and summer potato harvest started last week with 4 and 19 percent harvested, respectively. The onion crop was rated in mostly good condition while summer potatoes were rated in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 58 percent headed with 15 percent turning color. The crop, as of last week, ranged from good to poor condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good to

fair condition and fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged from good to poor at the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 5, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	36	23	22	17	2
Last Year	3	4	25	54	14
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	4	22	69	4
Last Year	0	2	41	48	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	11	17	21	49	2
Last Year	0	16	49	30	5
Sorghum					
This Week	18	22	30	28	2
Last Year	5	15	46	33	1

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 82 percent of the 2nd cutting complete and 24 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 August 5, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	49	34	15	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	23	15	21	31	10
5-Year Avg.	12	13	31	35	9

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Producers across the State continue to relocate or reduce 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 August 5, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	82	77	74	75
3 rd Cutting	24	21	5	4
Corn				
Silked	92	76	71	82
Dough	26	3	7	15
Dent	4	-	-	-
Dry Beans				
Flowered	69	66	52	68
Dry Onions				
Harvested	4	-	-	-
Sorghum				
Headed	58	34	38	48
Turning Color	15	6	13	23
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	88	77	84	89
Harvested	17	12	19	17
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	91	68	72	76
Harvested	18	12	7	11
Summer Potato				
Harvested	19	-	-	-

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	21	20	30	27	2
Dry Beans	11	21	47	21	0
Dry Onions	1	3	29	64	3
Fall Potatoes	0	0	20	80	0
Livestock	6	14	45	34	1
Sugarbeets	3	11	26	50	10
Summer Potatoes	11	13	61	15	0
Sunflowers	19	24	27	27	3

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

