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Agricultural Summary: Hot, dry conditions prevailed last week while some precipitation was observed in localized portions of eastern Colorado. An abundance of heat and sun have continued to impact crop development. Risk of fire has become a major concern in several localities with some damage to summer ranges reported in Rio Grande county. As of June 19, mountain snowpack measured 20 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	40	41	19	0
Last Week	37	38	25	0
Last Year	57	31	12	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	43	41	16	0
Last Week	45	37	18	0
Last Year	49	38	13	0

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 92 percent headed while 41 percent was turning color. As the crop continued developing to maturity, harvest activities began with modest progress achieved by week's end. Condition ratings for winter wheat improved last week although the majority is rated very poor to poor. The barley crop was 37 percent headed, up from 12 percent last week. Fifty-four percent of the spring wheat crop was headed, ahead of 52 percent last year and the average of 31 percent.

Row Crops: Virtually all corn had emerged by week's end. The fall potato crop developed ahead of average to 94 percent emerged, an increase of 18 percentage points. Producers have seeded 88 percent of the state's dry bean crop, ahead of 87 percent on average. Sixty-seven percent of the dry bean crop had emerged, up from 35 percent the week prior. Sixty-two percent of the sunflower crop was planted, behind 83 percent last year and 85 percent on average. Sorghum planting activities ended the week at 89 percent complete while 43 percent had emerged.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 23, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	11	8	29	48	4
Last Year	8	10	28	48	6
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	37	56	6
Last Year	1	3	37	52	7
Spring Wheat					
This Week	10	11	35	40	4
Last Year	1	5	46	47	1
Winter Wheat					
This Week	42	28	20	9	1
Last Year	9	23	39	27	2

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions showed an increase in ratings for very poor to poor. Sixty-two percent was regarded as very poor to poor, in comparison to 59 percent the week prior. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 34 percent. The first and second cuttings of alfalfa were 70 percent and 1 percent complete, respectively.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 23, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	33	29	23	15	0
Prev. Year - 2012	31	37	26	6	0
5-Year Avg.	13	21	28	31	7

Livestock: Reporters indicated livestock producers were culling cow herds as a result of pasture and feed shortages. Livestock condition ratings improved slightly from the previous week. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending June 23, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	70	59	89	77
2 nd Cutting	1	N/A	11	3
Corn				
Emerged	98	90	100	99
Dry Beans				
Planted	88	74	91	87
Emerged	67	35	75	62
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	94	76	98	85
Sorghum				
Planted	89	66	95	84
Emerged	43	20	35	43
Spring Barley				
Headed	37	12	59	39
Spring Wheat				
Headed	54	39	52	31
Sunflowers				
Planted	62	42	83	85
Winter Wheat				
Headed	92	73	100	100
Turning Color	41	13	99	66
Harvested	2	-	40	10

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	13	14	28	38	7
Dry Onions	0	0	11	78	11
Fall Potatoes	0	0	41	56	3
Livestock	3	8	30	58	1
Sorghum	8	14	21	57	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	22	65	12
Summer Potatoes	0	11	68	19	2

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