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**Agricultural Summary:** Isolated precipitation became increasingly widespread last week. As a consequence, alfalfa cuttings and harvest of small grains were delayed in some locations. However, the increased volume of moisture improved conditions for most standing crops in addition to pasture and grazing land. Despite the higher frequency of precipitation events, portions of Colorado remain depleted of sufficient moisture. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	44	28	0
Last Week	35	45	20	0
Last Year	53	36	11	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	42	41	17	0
Last Week	49	38	13	0
Last Year	59	35	6	0

**Small Grains:** Harvest of winter wheat was nearly complete by week's end at 94 percent, up from 75 percent the week prior. A year ago, 100 percent of the state's winter wheat crop was harvested, while on average, 89 percent is usually harvested by this time. Forty-six percent of the barley crop was turning color, up from 27 percent last week. This is behind last year and the average, at 72 and 71 percent, respectively. Last week, barley harvest activities became more widespread as conditions permitted, with 5 percent completed by week's end. Spring wheat was 61 percent turning color, compared with 64 percent last year and 56 percent on average.

**Row Crops:** Dry beans in the flowering stage ended the week at 51 percent, up from 34 percent previously. Dry bean development remained behind last year and slightly behind average. Up 28 percentage points from the week prior, 57 percent of the corn crop was in the silk stage. Sorghum developed at a slower pace, with 16 percent headed by week's end, up from 12 percent previously. Seven percent of the sorghum crop was turning color, compared with 5 percent last year and the average of 15 percent.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 28, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	9	13	31	42	5
Last Year	24	22	27	25	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	5	32	50	13
Last Year	2	4	27	62	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	8	13	35	34	10
Last Year	15	19	20	45	1

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions showed improved ratings from last week, with 59 percent rated very poor to poor. Previously, 64 percent was rated very poor to poor. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 38 percent. The second cutting of alfalfa reached 70 percent complete, up from 55 percent last week. The 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting was underway, with 3 percent having been cut by July 28.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 28, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	30	29	23	16	2
Prev. Year - 2012	48	34	16	2	0
5-Year Avg.	20	18	27	28	7

**Livestock:** Livestock condition ratings improved slightly from the previous week with 56 percent rated good to excellent, up from 54 percent previously. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 28, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	70	55	76	64
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	3	N/A	19	6
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	57	29	74	55
Dough	1	-	3	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	51	34	64	54
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	16	12	32	32
Turning Color	7	5	5	15
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	46	27	72	71
Harvested	5	1	11	10
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	61	43	64	56
Harvested	10	2	11	6
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	94	75	100	89

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	15	14	26	35	10
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	10	40	48	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	24	64	11
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>					
San Luis Valley	0	0	28	62	10
All Other	0	0	57	42	1
<b>Livestock</b>	3	6	35	52	4
<b>Sorghum</b>	15	27	35	22	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	1	21	67	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	6	17	48	27	2

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