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Hickenlooper to DNC: Clinton ready 'to get down to business'

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PHILADELPHIA - Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper emphasized his own business background while promoting Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in a speech at the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night.

Hickenlooper — who was considered a potential vice presidential candidate and has been mentioned as a possible Cabinet official in a Clinton White House — also wove in several shots at GOP nominee Donald Trump during his speech.

"The true mark of a successful businessman is not the number of times you say, 'You're fired,' it's the the number of times you

say, 'You're hired.'" Hickenlooper said, borrowing a line from Trump's reality TV show "The Apprentice."

"That's right, I'm a business guy," he continued while addressing Democratic delegates who packed the Wells Fargo Center. "But unlike Trump's businesses, my business

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Gov. John Hickenlooper speaks during the Democratic National Convention at Wells Fargo Center on Thursday night.

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Community program provides food security for low-income families



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Nick Brunson-Williams and his kids, Landis, 9, and Teilee, 13, shop at Happy Heart Farm Tuesday. Their family receives food with the CSA program.

Bountiful blessings

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"Garlic scapes," Andi Brunson-Williams said again over the phone Wednesday afternoon.

"S-C-A-P-E-S."
"Skates?" I thought, clearly misunderstanding.

What on earth is a garlic skate?
Turns out, garlic scapes — these wacky, stringy-looking things — are the flower bud of a garlic plant. And, even though Brunson-Williams didn't always

know what they were either, now they're a staple in her family's summer diet.

Brunson-Williams, her husband Nick and their three children have been in the Feeding the Families program for six years, receiving 20 weeks of locally-grown vegetables and herbs through a discounted CSA, or community-supported agriculture, membership at Happy Heart Farm in Fort Collins.

The program, which started with a handful of

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CSAs that participate in Feeding the Families

- » Happy Heart Farm
- » Native Hill
- » The Growing Project
- » Garden Sweet

WEATHER

'Abnormally dry,' region teeters on drought

Less than an inch of rain has fallen since June 1

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Fort Collins remains poised on the edge of a drought, a handful of recent rains aside.

U.S. Drought Monitor data released Thursday shows almost all of Larimer County is classified as "abnormally dry," the precursor to drought. Fort Collins has had that classification since mid-June. If the dryness persists, Fort Collins could enter a drought and face developing water shortages, damage to crops and pastures and requests for water-use restrictions.

A few good dousings could shake off the near-drought label, but those have been few and far between this year.

"Our wet season is really April through July, and we were wet in the early part of that season but have been dry now for the last two months," state climatologist Nolan Doesken said. "That's been the story for this year: There are storms around, but we're missing them."

Abnormally dry conditions are nothing new for Fort Collins, which was last classified as such from mid-September to mid-October 2015. But the city hasn't seen a summer like this since 2012-2013, when historic dryness overtook Colorado. Northern Colorado also saw periods of drought and abnormal dryness from 2009-2011.

"That's the nature of life in a semi-arid zone," Doesken said. "Whether you have a wet year or a dry year is a function of just a few big storms."

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Fort Collins precipitation

- May:** 1.84 inches (76 percent of 1981-2010 normal)
- June:** 0.05 inches (3 percent of normal)
- July (through July 27):** 0.78 inches (46 percent of monthly normal)

FORECAST

81/54
Sunshine, p.m.
thunderstorm 8A



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