



# CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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## Week of April 10 – April 16, 2006

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another warm, dry week.

Sugarbeet planting jumps further ahead average.

Calving and lambing going well.

Warm spring weather prevailed across the State with above normal temperatures and only scattered precipitation. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the low 60's to low 80's, and lows in the 20's to 30's. Precipitation was mostly below normal with just scattered areas, mostly in the southwest portion of the state, receiving normal amounts. Other areas received at most a trace.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate or surplus in 53 percent of the State, down 5 points from last week. Subsoil water supply was rated adequate or surplus in 41 percent of the State, compared with 40 percent adequate and none surplus last year. Stock water supplies were rated adequate or surplus in 80 percent of the state.

### SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent						
Very Short	6	7	28	17	16	34	27
Short	41	35	30	42	43	26	41
Adeq	51	55	40	40	40	40	32
Surp	2	3	2	1	1	0	0

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	60	51	67	62
Barley Emgd	22	13	13	15
Oats Pltd	19	2	32	22
Oats Emgd	1	0	6	3
Spring Wheat Pltd	16	8	20	25
Spring Wheat Emgd	0	0	3	4
Sugarbeet Pltd	51	22	39	27
Sugarbeet Emgd	1	0	0	0

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** An average of 6.3 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Winter wheat crop condition again improved a little with 74 percent now rated good. Barley seeding picked up pace in the Southeast and was complete on 60 percent of the expected acreage, 7 points behind last year, and 2 points behind the 5-year average. Almost one-fourth of the barley had emerged, 7 points ahead of average. Through April 16<sup>th</sup>, 19 percent of the oats acreage was planted, a little behind average, while spring wheat planting was complete on 16 percent of the expected acreage, also behind average. Sugarbeet planting moved rapidly for the second week and jumped to 51 percent complete, approximately one week ahead of average.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	0	2	24	74	0

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

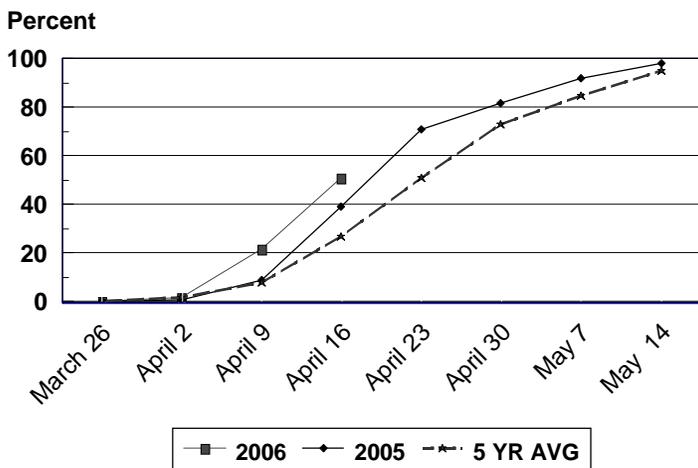
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	77	68	75	76
Farm Flock Ewes Lambd	74	68	82	80
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	73	64	84	80
Range Flock Ewes Lambd	22	15	21	20
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	34	25	46	46

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Ranges and pastures were greening up in most areas and conditions continued to be much better than the last few years. At week's end, 40 percent was rated good and zero excellent, compared with 12 percent good and 4 percent excellent last year. Livestock condition was rated good or excellent in 85 percent of the state. Calving moved at an average pace with 77 percent of the calves on the ground. Farm flock lambing and shearing were behind both last year and the 5-year average. Farm flock lambing and shearing were 74 and 73 percent complete, compared with the average of 80 percent for each. Range flock lambing was 22 percent complete and shearing 34 percent complete. Calf and lamb losses were mostly normal.

### PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	3	5	45	21
Poor	9	8	16	26
Fair	48	54	23	40
Good	40	33	12	12
Excellent	0	0	4	1

Sugarbeets Planted



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, were above normal across the State. Averages ranged from 2.8 degrees above normal in Afton to 10.1 degrees above normal in Cheyenne and Redbird. The high temperature was 85 in Torrington and the low was 21 in Big Piney. There was little or no precipitation except in the Southwest. The most precipitation was reported in Afton with 0.39 inches, Evanston with 0.24 inches, and Rock Springs with 0.15 inches. Few other areas received even a trace.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 14, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
<b>SNAKE DRAINAGE</b>								
Jackson	60	24	5.3	0.12	-0.15	4.07	4.25	-0.18
Afton	61	22	2.8	0.39	0.01	4.47	4.94	-0.47
<b>GREEN &amp; BEAR DRAINAGE</b>								
Uinta County AP	62	30	7.2	0.24	0.00	1.82	2.75	-0.93
Big Piney AP	61	21	3.8	0.02	-0.12	1.36	1.46	-0.10
Rock Springs AP	67	31	5.6	0.15	-0.09	1.40	2.37	-0.97
<b>BIG HORN DRAINAGE</b>								
Cody	71	31	8.8	0.00	-0.24	0.58	1.72	-1.14
Deaver	73	28	5.9	0.00	-0.07	0.73	0.61	0.12
Greybull AP	78	31	6.0	0.01	-0.12	0.13	1.33	-1.20
Powell Field St	73	27	7.7	0.00	-0.11	0.19	0.78	-0.59
Worland FAA AP	76	32	7.6	0.00	-0.17	0.43	1.27	-0.84
<b>POWDER, LITTLE MO. &amp; TONGUE DRAINAGE</b>								
Kaycee	76	31	8.8	0.00	-0.33	1.91	2.31	-0.40
Sheridan WSO AP	75	28	7.1	0.03	-0.36	1.93	3.10	-1.17
<b>BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE</b>								
Dillinger	77	28	10.0	0.00	-0.37	2.35	2.54	-0.19
Sundance	75	23	10.0	0.00	-0.49	2.62	3.41	-0.79
<b>CHEYENNE &amp; NIOBRARA DRAINAGE</b>								
Newcastle	79	30	9.4	0.00	-0.36	2.18	2.56	-0.38
Redbird	81	28	10.1	0.00	-0.44	2.42	2.43	-0.01
<b>LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Casper AP	74	22	6.8	T	-0.34	2.45	2.83	-0.38
Cheyenne AP	78	25	10.1	T	-0.34	2.12	2.67	-0.55
Chugwater	80	26	7.0	0.00	-0.34	3.12	2.89	0.23
Douglas AP	78	29	8.8	0.00	-0.36	1.53	2.46	-0.93
Torrington AP	85	22	9.8	0.00	-0.37	1.64	2.20	-0.56
Wheatland 4 N	82	26	9.3	0.00	-0.32	1.79	1.80	-0.01
<b>WIND RIVER DRAINAGE</b>								
Lander AP	70	30	8.6	T	-0.48	1.91	3.28	-1.37
Riverton AP	72	29	8.2	0.00	-0.23	1.91	1.44	0.47
<b>UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Laramie AP	72	23	9.5	T	-0.24	0.44	2.18	-1.74
Rawlins AP	71	24	7.5	0.04	-0.19	0.88	2.24	-1.36
Saratoga	70	29	8.9	0.00	-0.22	1.40	2.15	-0.75

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