



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of May 22 – May 28, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, windy week.

Small grains pushed to early development.

Range and pastures need rain.

The wind paired with continued hot weather across the State last week. All stations reported above normal temperatures. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the upper 70's to low 90's, and lows mostly in the low 30's to upper 40's. Moisture was recorded at nearly every station but precipitation remained below normal for most. Fortunate areas scattered across the Northeast each received over one inch of rain.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 40 percent of the State, 4 points below last week. Subsoil moisture were adequate in only 35 percent of the State, down from 46 percent two weeks ago. Producers were busy in the fields and warmer temperatures pushed crop progress. Nighttime temperatures dropped in some areas and threatened the first crop of alfalfa. The lack of moisture and ample wind continued to cause concern about rangeland conditions. Stock water supplies were adequate in 64 percent of the State, down from 76 percent two weeks earlier.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avq	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq	
	Percent							
Very Short	11	8	3	15	18	17	25	
Short	49	48	24	42	47	37	47	
Adeq	40	44	73	43	35	46	28	
Surp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
Barley Pltd	94	88	94	97
Barley Emgd	85	72	87	86
Barley Jntd	43	10	35	26
Oats Pltd	87	78	89	91
Oats Emgd	74	60	64	67
Oats Jntd	24	6	15	18
Spring Wheat Pltd	83	76	96	95
Spring Wheat Emgd	71	48	83	76
Spring Wheat Jntd	37	8	26	25
Winter Wht Jntd	99	80	85	86
Winter Wht Boot	77	16	36	45
Winter Wht Headed	51	-	0	11
Sugarbeet Emgd	90	64	83	81
Corn Pltd	94	81	93	91
Corn Emgd	58	35	36	57
Dry Beans Pltd	41	11	25	30
Dry Beans Emqd	1	-	4	4

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Hot, dry weather caused small grains to develop early. Half of the winter wheat crop was headed and struggling in major areas due to lack of moisture. Condition fell further with 27 percent rated good or better compared with 33 percent last week. Planting of the barley crop was nearly complete. At week's end 43 percent was jointed, well ahead of the average pace of 26 percent. Seventy-four percent of the barley crop was in good condition. Producers finished seeding 87 percent of the oats. About one-fourth was jointed, also ahead of average. Three-fourths of the oats crop was in good condition.

Sugarbeets were emerging ahead of the normal pace with 90 percent of the crop in good condition. Producers nearly finished seeding the corn crop and emergence was on schedule. Dry bean planting moved ahead of the average pace with 41 percent of the dry beans in the ground at week's end.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	11	24	38	26	1
Barley	0	0	26	74	0
Oats	0	3	19	74	4
Sugarbeets	0	0	10	86	4

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
Range Flock Ewes Lambd	80	69	71	76
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	98	92	96	98

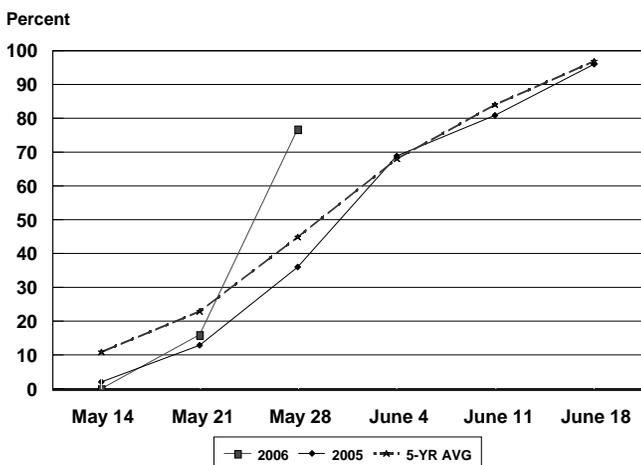
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions held steady with 38 percent rated good, compared with 37 percent good and 1 percent excellent last week. Conditions were below last year at this time but still above the 5-year average. Conditions in some southern areas were deteriorating quickly. Range flock lambing and shearing were 80 and 98 percent complete, compared with the averages of 76 and 98 percent. Lamb losses remained mostly normal. Livestock were in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
	Percent			
Very Poor	3	3	2	14
Poor	14	13	11	21
Fair	45	46	39	36
Good	38	37	41	28
Excellent	0	1	7	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, May 26th, were well above normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 5.3 degrees above normal in Greybull to 11.9 degrees above normal in Sundance. The high temperature was 93 in Redbird and the low was 25 in Redbird. Precipitation was below normal across most of the State except for widely scattered areas, most notably in the Northeast. The most precipitation was reported in Dillinger with 2.27 inches, Sundance with 2.13 inches, and Newcastle with 1.44 inches. All stations received precipitation except Saratoga.

Winter Wheat Boot



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 26, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	CUMULATIVE	1/
			FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	THRU	DEP.
			NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	79	37	9.1	0.40	-0.16	6.31	7.04	-0.73
Afton	77	34	5.6	0.19	-0.31	5.54	7.92	-2.38
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	76	38	7.4	0.08	-0.27	3.15	4.77	-1.62
Big Piney AP	78	31	6.5	0.41	0.14	1.97	2.62	-0.65
Rock Springs AP	82	41	6.9	0.60	0.32	2.52	4.11	-1.59
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	83	49	9.9	0.18	-0.26	2.26	4.12	-1.86
Deaver	88	44	8.2	0.30	0.05	1.35	1.85	-0.50
Greybull AP	90	48	5.3	0.75	0.44	1.59	3.01	-1.42
Powell Field St	85	47	7.9	0.29	-0.08	1.21	2.47	-1.26
Worland FAA AP	89	46	6.2	0.64	0.28	2.12	3.18	-1.06
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	91	46	10.0	1.20	0.58	3.99	5.51	-1.52
Sheridan WSO AP	91	43	8.6	0.27	-0.28	3.72	6.28	-2.56
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	88	43	10.2	2.27	1.66	6.76	5.84	0.93
Sundance	88	42	11.9	2.13	1.47	9.69	7.22	2.47
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	91	44	7.0	1.44	0.82	6.97	5.74	1.23
Redbird	93	25	6.3	0.34	-0.29	3.39	5.85	-2.46
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	91	39	8.9	0.25	-0.26	3.89	5.77	-1.88
Cheyenne AP	82	43	8.9	0.56	-0.06	3.89	5.78	-1.89
Chugwater	86	39	9.4	0.04	-0.70	4.34	6.45	-2.11
Douglas AP	92	39	10.0	0.19	-0.38	3.05	5.48	-2.43
Torrington AP	89	45	9.0	0.62	-0.01	2.91	5.33	-2.42
Wheatland 4 N	89	42	8.6	0.31	-0.32	2.82	4.94	-2.12
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	86	43	9.8	0.03	-0.48	3.07	6.47	-3.40
Riverton AP	87	44	10.1	0.07	-0.35	2.44	3.62	-1.18
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	81	36	9.2	0.22	-0.21	1.60	4.23	-2.63
Rawlins AP	84	38	7.6	0.35	0.01	1.37	4.12	-2.75
Saratoga	81	42	8.9	0.00	-0.37	1.76	4.07	-2.31

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.

1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.