



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of June 19 – June 25, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and mostly dry again.

Alfalfa harvest well ahead of average pace.

Rangeland drying up.

The hot, dry weather pattern continued to hover over most of the State last week. Most stations reported above normal temperatures but a few stations, mostly in the North, cooled off slightly. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the low 80's to low 90's, and lows in the low 30's to low 50's. Stations in the Northeast received welcome moisture while others recorded only wind. Accumulative precipitation continued to lag well behind normal levels except in a few northeastern areas.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 26 percent of the State, 5 points below last week. Subsoil moisture was rated only 24 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were adequate in 46 percent of the State, down from 59 percent two weeks ago. Producers in some areas were hauling water to livestock. Lack of precipitation continued to deplete moisture supplies and rangeland feed.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	Percent							
Very Short	24	17	1	25	27	11	30	
Short	50	52	30	34	49	30	41	
Adeq	26	31	68	40	24	59	29	
Surp	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Jntd	94	88	93	92
Barley Boot	71	47	74	71
Barley Headed	44	25	49	49
Barley Turn Color	6	3	0	4
Oats Jntd	88	78	80	76
Oats Boot	59	44	53	45
Oats Headed	28	12	15	20
Spring Wheat Jntd	92	89	96	93
Spring Wheat Boot	72	64	65	60
Spring Wheat Head	35	9	21	29
Winter Wht Headed	98	89	92	95
Winter Wht Turn Color	55	20	13	33
Winter Wht Mature	3	0	4	6
Corn Avg Height	20	16	10	13
Dry Beans Emgd	95	73	82	90
Dry Beans Bloom	4	-	0	1
Alfalfa First Cut	63	48	33	37
Other Hay Harv	13	8	8	10

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.8 days were suitable for fieldwork. Barley development was near average pace while the remaining small grains continued to mature faster than normal in the hot, dry conditions. The winter wheat crop was almost completely headed and over half had turned color, mainly in the Southeast. The condition of winter wheat dropped slightly with 38 percent very poor or poor, 33 percent fair, and 29 percent good or excellent. Almost half of the barley crop was headed, slightly behind the average pace. Sixty-five percent of the barley crop was in good condition. Over one-quarter of the spring wheat crop and almost two-thirds of the oats crop were headed, both ahead of the average pace. Spring grains were just starting to turn color. Forty percent of the spring wheat crop and 71 percent of the oats crop were in good condition.

The average corn height was 20 inches, well ahead of the 5-year average of 13 inches. Corn condition slid from 91 percent good last week to 63 percent this week. Dry beans progressed ahead of the average pace with the crop almost completely emerged and just beginning to bloom. The dry bean crop was in fair to mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were in mostly good condition. Almost two-thirds of the first cutting of alfalfa was complete, 26 points ahead of the average pace. Other hay harvest was just getting started with 13 percent completed. Dry conditions were taking a toll on the hay crop.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

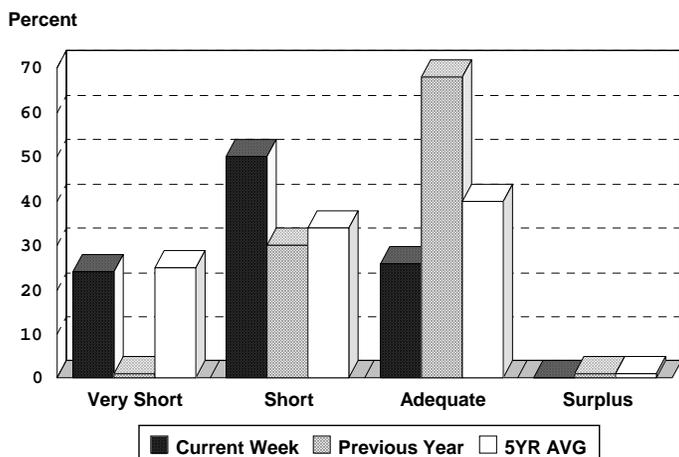
ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
Winter Wht	12	26	33	28	1
Barley	0	5	30	65	0
Oats	0	7	22	67	4
Spring Wht	0	30	30	40	0
Corn	0	1	36	63	0
Dry Beans	0	2	38	60	0
Sugarbeets	0	3	19	74	4

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions slipped even lower with only 18 percent rated good, compared with 22 percent last week and the average of 33 percent. Condition has fallen from a high of 54 percent good or excellent on May 14. Livestock water has been drying up in parts of the State. Some producers cannot find adequate pasture and are grazing hay meadows. Rain has become a valuable commodity.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	16	10	0	18
Poor	29	28	3	19
Fair	37	40	21	30
Good	18	22	63	30
Excellent	0	0	13	3

Topsoil Moisture
June 25, 2006



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, June 23rd, were above normal across the entire State except for a few scattered areas mostly in the North. Averages ranged from 1.5 degrees below normal in Worland to 4.1 degrees above normal in Riverton. The high temperature was 93 in Casper and Douglas while the low was 30 in Jackson. Precipitation was below normal across most of the State except for fortunate areas in the Northeast. The most precipitation was reported in Sundance with 2.21 inches, Dillinger with 1.41 inches, and Redbird with 0.63 inches. Many stations reported a trace to no precipitation at all.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 23, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	80	30	-1.4	0.02	-0.31	7.91	8.83	-0.92
Afton	80	34	-1.1	0.00	-0.28	6.64	9.40	-2.76
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	79	42	1.5	0.00	-0.16	4.15	5.73	-1.58
Big Piney AP	83	31	0.0	0.00	-0.15	2.30	3.45	-1.15
Rock Springs AP	88	46	2.7	0.00	-0.14	2.94	4.89	-1.95
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	80	47	0.0	0.05	-0.29	3.45	5.71	-2.26
Deaver	84	45	-1.1	0.00	-0.24	2.09	2.86	-0.77
Greybull AP	89	48	0.3	T	-0.25	2.19	4.17	-1.98
Worland FAA AP	90	48	-1.5	0.00	-0.21	2.56	4.36	-1.80
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	91	48	2.9	0.00	-0.41	4.30	7.57	-3.27
Sheridan WSO AP	88	43	-0.3	0.02	-0.39	5.46	8.30	-2.84
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	90	45	0.1	1.41	0.96	8.54	7.97	0.57
Sundance	84	42	0.9	2.21	1.57	13.05	10.02	3.03
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	86	52	0.7	0.50	0.00	8.45	8.09	0.36
Redbird	89	43	-0.3	0.63	0.13	5.32	8.18	-2.86
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	93	43	2.1	T	-0.30	4.66	7.26	-2.60
Cheyenne AP	86	43	1.9	0.08	-0.31	4.61	7.84	-3.23
Chugwater	92	42	2.1	0.00	-0.36	4.62	8.50	-3.88
Douglas AP	93	43	2.7	0.00	-0.27	3.73	7.04	-3.31
Torrington AP	91	49	1.6	0.55	0.13	4.89	7.41	-2.52
Wheatland 4 N	91	44	2.0	T	-0.36	3.79	6.88	-3.09
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	90	44	1.5	0.00	-0.19	3.08	7.75	-4.67
Riverton AP	89	51	4.1	0.00	-0.20	2.55	4.83	-2.28
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	88	40	3.5	T	-0.28	2.20	5.57	-3.37
Rawlins AP	91	41	3.1	0.00	-0.18	1.53	5.10	-3.57
Saratoga	89	37	-0.1	0.00	-0.19	2.31	5.09	-2.78

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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