



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of July 3 – July 9, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Welcome moisture.

Winter wheat harvest underway in Laramie County.

Rangeland remains in critical condition.

Warmer weather continued but welcome rainfall brought some relief to most areas across the State last week. All stations except Cheyenne recorded above normal temperatures. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the low 80's to mid 90's, and lows in the mid 30's to mid 50's. Scattered areas experienced heavy thunderstorm activity with much needed moisture. All stations reported some rainfall but most were below normal levels. Accumulative precipitation for the year continued to lag well behind normal levels except in a few northeastern areas.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 24 percent of the State, compared with 56 percent last year and 4 percent in 2002. Subsoil moisture was rated only 20 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were adequate in 41 percent of the State, down 6 points from 2 weeks ago but 23 points better than in 2002. The recent rainfall may help some producers in the short term for the hay crop but may be too late for the range and pastures.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avq	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
	Percent						
Very Short	27	27	2	26	36	11	34
Short	49	50	42	39	44	37	40
Adeq	24	23	56	35	20	52	26
Surp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
Barley Boot	92	79	90	89
Barley Headed	73	54	70	72
Barley Turn Color	44	20	26	22
Barley Mature	7	4	0	3
Oats Boot	87	71	82	76
Oats Headed	56	38	54	48
Oats Turn Color	18	8	8	9
Oats Mature	1	0	1	3
Spring Wheat Boot	92	85	87	87
Spring Wheat Head	76	52	74	57
Spring Wht Turn Color	28	10	29	19
Winter Wht Turn Color	88	72	88	86
Winter Wht Mature	64	21	46	32
Winter Wht Harvested	21	0	0	5
Corn Avg Height	42	30	23	26
Corn Tasseled	1	0	0	1
Dry Beans Bloom	26	11	24	15
Dry Beans Set Pod	7	2	3	3
Alfalfa First Cut	90	79	73	71
Alfalfa Second Cut	2	1	0	1
Other Hay Harv	29	19	27	26

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Crop development continued ahead of average pace. Almost two-thirds of the winter wheat crop was mature. Harvest crews worked around thunderstorms in Laramie County. The condition of winter wheat remained stable with 38 percent very poor or poor, 33 percent fair, and 29 percent good or excellent. Over one-quarter of the spring wheat acreage was turning color, slightly ahead of average. About one-third of the spring wheat was in poor condition with the remaining rated fair or good. Almost half of the barley crop was turning color, 22 points ahead of the average pace. The barley crop was starting to mature with sixty-five percent of the crop in good condition. Approximately 70 percent of the oats crop was in good or excellent condition at week's end and the crop was just starting to mature.

Dry beans continued to bloom ahead of average pace with 58 percent of the crop in good condition. The average height of corn was 42 inches, 16 inches taller than last year. The corn crop was just beginning to tassel and almost 70 percent was rated in good condition. Almost 80 percent of the sugarbeet crop was in good condition. The first cutting of alfalfa, at 90 percent complete, was ahead of the average pace of 71 percent. The second cutting of alfalfa was just getting started in the Southeast. Other hay harvest was at 29 percent, just 3 points better than the 5-year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
Winter Wht	12	26	33	28	1
Barley	1	5	29	65	0
Oats	0	8	22	66	4
Spring Wht	0	34	26	40	0
Corn	0	1	32	67	0
Dry Beans	0	2	40	58	0
Sugarbeets	0	3	18	75	4

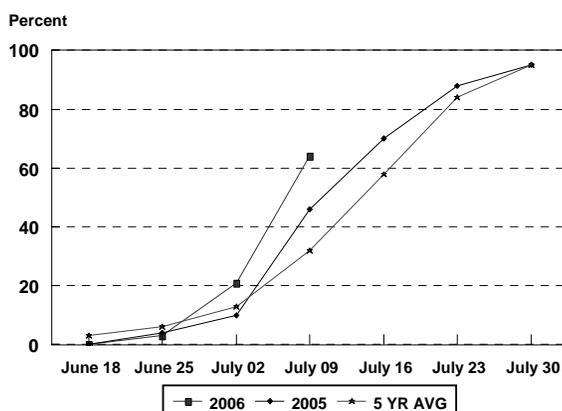
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Recent rains held range and pasture conditions stable with only 14 percent rated good or excellent, unchanged from last week and the average of 31 percent. Condition has fallen from a high of 54 percent good or excellent on May 14.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avq
Very Poor	27	19	0	21
Poor	32	34	5	19
Fair	27	33	26	29
Good	14	14	61	28
Excellent	0	0	8	3

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, July 7th, were above normal across the entire State with the exception of Cheyenne. Averages ranged from 1.4 degrees below normal in Cheyenne to 5.2 degrees above normal in Jackson. The high temperature was 97 in Newcastle while the low was 35 in Wheatland. All reporting stations received precipitation although amounts varied greatly. Half of the stations reported amounts below normal while others experienced intense thunderstorm activity. The most precipitation was reported in Cheyenne with 2.81 inches, Cody with 2.25 inches, and Redbird with 1.83 inches.

Winter Wheat Mature



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 7, 2006

		TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION				CUMULATIVE 1/	
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM	FROM	TO
SNAKE DRAINAGE										
Jackson	86	43	5.2	0.31	0.07	8.27	9.32	-1.05		
Afton	85	42	3.8	0.16	-0.09	6.81	9.89	-3.08		
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE										
Uinta County AP	83	50	4.4	0.09	-0.04	4.24	5.98	-1.74		
Big Piney AP	84	40	5.0	0.18	0.06	2.59	3.69	-1.10		
Rock Springs AP	87	53	2.3	0.04	-0.11	3.17	5.16	-1.99		
BIG HORN DRAINAGE										
Cody	88	53	2.4	2.25	2.01	5.70	6.23	-0.53		
Deaver	93	55	5.1	0.07	-0.11	2.16	3.25	-1.09		
Greybull AP	94	56	4.9	0.12	-0.03	2.31	4.51	-2.20		
Worland FAA AP	95	56	2.3	0.10	-0.04	2.66	4.66	-2.00		
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE										
Kaycee	94	54	3.9	0.49	0.23	5.07	8.17	-3.10		
Sheridan WSO AP	94	52	5.1	0.09	-0.17	5.55	8.88	-3.33		
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE										
Dillinger	94	45	2.8	0.20	-0.15	8.78	8.72	0.06		
Sundance	96	51	4.6	0.50	0.02	13.55	11.05	2.50		
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE										
Newcastle	97	54	2.0	0.85	0.45	9.33	8.91	0.42		
Redbird	94	55	2.1	1.83	1.43	7.44	9.03	-1.59		
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE										
Casper AP	93	48	3.0	0.68	0.45	5.34	7.74	-2.40		
Cheyenne AP	85	51	-1.4	2.81	2.42	7.49	8.60	-1.11		
Chugwater	94	44	1.8	0.39	0.07	5.03	9.13	-4.10		
Douglas AP	92	51	3.9	0.33	0.03	4.06	7.58	-3.52		
Torrington AP	95	56	1.4	0.45	0.06	5.43	8.18	-2.75		
Wheatland 4 N	94	35	1.2	0.22	-0.09	4.01	7.49	-3.48		
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE										
Lander AP	90	52	2.8	0.07	-0.05	3.18	8.02	-4.84		
Riverton AP	91	56	4.8	0.02	-0.09	2.57	5.08	-2.51		
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE										
Laramie AP	82	45	1.3	0.18	-0.11	2.41	6.13	-3.72		
Rawlins AP	86	47	1.7	0.02	-0.14	1.55	5.41	-3.86		
Saratoga	83	48	1.6	0.20	0.03	2.51	5.41	-2.90		

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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