



# CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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## Week of August 7 – August 13, 2006

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Heat wave.

Small grain harvest ahead of average pace.

Alfalfa hay second cutting three-fourths complete.

Excessive heat continued with scattered thunderstorm activity across the State last week. All stations recorded above normal average temperatures for the week. High temperatures again reached the 100's at some stations but most were in the mid 80's to upper 90's. Low temperatures were mostly in the mid 30's to low 50's. Strong thunderstorms brought a measure of relief to East Central Wyoming but the remainder of the state saw little benefit from summer storms. In many areas gains in precipitation have been offset by higher-than-average temperatures.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 10 percent of the State, up 1 point from last week, but still down from 41 percent compared to last year. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in 53 percent of the State. BLM permits were being pulled early in areas with limited forage.

### SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	46	45	13	37
Short	44	46	46	42
Adeq	10	9	41	21
Surp	0	0	0	0

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Mature	87	75	79	79
Barley Harvested	66	46	57	55
Oats Turn Color	95	91	86	83
Oats Mature	76	61	65	59
Oats Harvested	56	37	44	35
Spring Wht Mature	91	76	88	69
Spring Wht Harvested	60	39	63	41
Corn Tasseled	97	92	89	93
Corn Silk	69	57	75	75
Corn Milk	46	19	55	44
Corn Dough	4	0	20	13
Dry Beans Bloom	96	93	95	94
Dry Beans Set Pod	77	63	86	76
Dry Bean Turn Color	10	3	5	12
Alfalfa Second Cut	74	64	47	52
Alfalfa Third Cut	0	-	1	1
Other Hay Harv	80	73	79	79

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** An average of 6.7 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grain harvest continued well ahead of the average pace. The spring wheat and barley acreage was almost completely mature. Harvest was 66 and 60 percent complete for barley and spring wheat compared with the averages of 55 and 41 percent. Oats harvest was over half complete, 21 points ahead of the 5-year average. Small grain condition was unchanged with spring wheat condition poor to mostly fair and oats condition fair to mostly good.

Dry beans progressed at an average pace with just over three-quarters of the crop setting pods. Fields were just beginning to turn color. Condition of beans remained steady with 59 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Corn development varied with 46 percent in milk and 4 percent in dough compared with the averages of 44 and 13 percent. Corn condition slipped 7 points from last week, and was 55 rated in good or excellent condition. Around three-quarters of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. The second cutting of alfalfa was 74 percent complete, 22 points ahead of the average pace and the third cutting was just getting started. Other hay harvest was at 80 percent, only 1 point ahead of the 5-year average.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
Oats	1	9	44	46	0
Spring Wht	0	37	51	12	0
Corn	1	11	33	51	4
Dry Beans	0	2	39	57	2
Sugarbeets	1	5	20	74	0

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Rangeland and pastures held steady with only 6 percent rated good, unchanged from last week. Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition. Some producers were weaning calves early.

### PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	44	46	4	25
Poor	30	27	11	21
Fair	20	21	34	32
Good	6	6	46	20
Excellent	0	0	5	2

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> averaged well above normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 1.4 degrees above normal in Jackson to 7.6 degrees above normal in Douglas. The high temperature was 101 in Sheridan while the low was 34 in Jackson. Precipitation was widely scattered across the State and many stations did not receive any moisture. Nearly all amounts remained below normal except for a few East Central areas. The most precipitation was reported in Redbird with 1.37 inches, Newcastle with 1.13 inches, and Douglas with 0.97 inches.

**Dry Beans Turning Color**  
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