



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of August 21 – August 27, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY Topsoil moisture improves in the South.

Dry bean combing begins.

Corn progress lagging.

Higher than average temperatures covered the entire State last week. High temperatures were mostly in the upper 80's to upper 90's with a couple areas reaching the 100's. Low temperatures were mostly in the low 30's to low 50's. Thunderstorm activity concentrated mainly over the southern half of the State while some areas in the North recorded no precipitation at all. Amounts were still mostly below normal and accumulative precipitation for the year remains below normal almost everywhere.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 32 percent of the State, up 23 points from last week but down from 40 percent last year. Welcome moisture was received in the South and will help improve conditions for winter wheat seeding this fall. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in half of the State, down 3 points from two weeks ago.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	30	49	15	39
Short	38	42	45	41
Adeq	31	9	40	20
Surp	1	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Mature	96	94	91	96
Barley Harvested	87	77	79	80
Oats Mature	94	88	81	84
Oats Harvested	81	68	68	66
Spring Wht Harvested	85	63	93	80
Winter Wht Planted	5	2	13	14
Corn Silk	88	79	97	96
Corn Milk	66	61	89	83
Corn Dough	32	16	59	55
Corn Dent	5	1	12	11
Corn Silage Harvested	3	1	0	5
Dry Beans Set Pod	99	91	98	97
Dry Beans Turn Color	66	36	38	62
Dry Beans Windrowed	26	11	0	10
Dry Beans Combined	14	0	0	2
Alfalfa Second Cut	88	83	77	79
Alfalfa Third Cut	8	2	3	9
Other Hay Harv	92	88	93	92

FIELD CROP REPORT An average of 5.9 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grains were being harvested well ahead of the average pace. Harvest was 87 and 81 percent complete for barley and oats compared with the averages of 80 and 66 percent. Almost one-quarter of the spring wheat crop was harvested during the week pushing the total harvest to 85 percent complete. Seeding of winter wheat was just getting started in major areas.

Producers were windrowing and combining dry beans in the Big Horn Basin. Progress was ahead of the average pace. Condition of beans was unchanged with 55 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 66 percent in milk and 32 percent in dough compared with the averages of 83 and 55 percent. Corn condition held steady with 54 rated in good or excellent condition. Corn silage harvest was just getting started. About two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. The second cutting of alfalfa was 88 percent complete, 9 points ahead of the average pace. Some producers were fortunate enough to start a third cutting. Other hay harvest was moving at an average pace with 92 complete. Hay shortages were an increasing concern.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Corn	1	9	36	51	3
Dry Beans	0	5	40	54	1
Sugarbeets	2	7	23	68	0

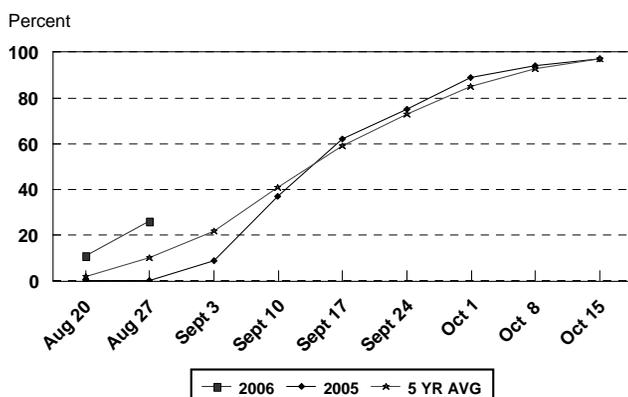
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Rangeland and pastures improved slightly but only 5 percent was rated good, 1 point above last week. Almost half still remained in very poor condition. Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition. Cooler nighttime temperatures helped livestock. Cattle continued to be shipped from summer pastures.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	44	46	3	28
Poor	28	29	11	23
Fair	23	21	37	31
Good	5	4	44	16
Excellent	0	0	5	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, August 25th averaged above normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 0.9 degrees above normal in Jackson to 6.8 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 101 in Torrington while the low was 30 in Jackson. Precipitation fell in the Southeast and was widely scattered across the remainder of the State. All amounts remained below normal except for Rawlins, Redbird, and Rock Springs. The most precipitation was reported in Redbird with 0.46 inches, Rawlins with 0.25 inches, and Douglas with 0.23 inches. Additional rain was received in southern areas over the weekend.

Dry Beans Windrowed Wyoming



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 25, 2006

		TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION				CUMULATIVE 1/	
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM	DEP.	FROM
SNAKE DRAINAGE										
Jackson	88	30	0.9	0.00	-0.31	9.23	11.46	-2.23		
Afton	88	37	1.9	0.03	-0.30	7.82	12.13	-4.31		
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE										
Uinta County AP	86	49	6.8	0.06	-0.18	5.75	7.46	-1.71		
Big Piney AP	87	36	3.0	T	-0.18	3.04	5.18	-2.14		
Rock Springs AP	90	50	5.2	0.21	0.06	3.71	6.39	-2.68		
BIG HORN DRAINAGE										
Cody	90	49	3.6	0.00	-0.20	6.00	7.93	-1.93		
Deaver	95	46	3.6	0.00	-0.12	2.34	4.25	-1.91		
Greybull AP	98	49	3.4	0.00	-0.10	2.62	5.35	-2.73		
Powell Field St	92	46	3.0	0.00	-0.11	2/				
Worland FAA AP	98	49	0.6	T	-0.12	2.70	5.70	-3.00		
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE										
Kaycee	97	53	4.2	0.13	-0.05	5.57	9.93	-4.36		
Sheridan WSO AP	100	46	3.6	0.00	-0.20	5.86	10.42	-4.56		
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE										
Dillinger	99	34	1.7	0.07	-0.19	9.60	11.12	-1.52		
Sundance	95	46	3.4	0.06	-0.29	15.94	14.09	1.86		
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE										
Newcastle	99	50	3.9	0.00	-0.38	11.20	12.10	-0.90		
Redbird	98	51	3.2	0.46	0.16	9.61	11.92	-2.31		
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE										
Casper AP	97	48	3.1	0.16	-0.03	9.63	9.41	0.22		
Cheyenne AP	91	51	2.6	0.11	-0.22	8.35	12.08	-3.73		
Chugwater	96	49	3.9	0.00	-0.31	6.25	12.04	-5.79		
Douglas AP	97	51	4.1	0.23	-0.01	6.04	9.72	-3.68		
Torrington AP	101	51	4.1	0.16	-0.11	6.03	10.64	-4.61		
Wheatland 4 N	98	49	3.6	0.06	-0.20	5.36	10.06	-4.70		
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE										
Lander AP	93	53	3.4	0.06	-0.08	3.41	9.29	-5.88		
Riverton AP	92	51	4.9	0.07	-0.05	2.78	6.19	-3.41		
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE										
Laramie AP	87	45	3.6	0.08	-0.16	4.07	8.39	-4.32		
Rawlins AP	88	46	3.6	0.25	0.06	2.31	6.84	-4.53		
Saratoga	88	47	4.1	0.09	-0.11	3.68	7.17	-3.49		

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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

2/MISSING DATA FOR TWO WEEKS IN JULY