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Week of September 11 – September 17, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm week with rain.

Topsoil moisture improves.

Dry beans half combined.

Unseasonably warm weather dominated the State last week with good rainfall in most areas. High temperatures were mostly in the upper 70's to low 90's. Low temperatures were mostly in the low 30's to upper 40's. Snow was reported over the weekend in the high country and killing frosts occurred in some areas. Accumulative precipitation for the year remained below normal in all areas except for Casper and Sundance.

Recent rains helped soil moisture and stock water supplies. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 41 percent of the State, up 15 points from last week and up from 34 percent last year. Stock water supplies were adequate in 40 percent of the State, up 5 points from two weeks ago. Almost half of the State remained very short on subsoil moisture.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	21	31	20	31
Short	38	43	46	43
Adeq	41	26	34	26
Surp	0	0	0	0
Subsoil	This Week	Two Weeks Ago	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	46	48	27	40
Short	42	42	39	40
Adeq	12	10	34	20
Surp	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Oats Harvested	96	93	93	91
Winter Wht Planted	77	63	82	78
Winter Wht Emerged	56	23	44	42
Corn Milk	98	87	100	99
Corn Dough	75	63	98	93
Corn Dent	51	32	82	72
Corn Mature	10	5	21	38
Corn Silage Harvested	63	39	48	57
Dry Beans Windrowed	73	57	62	59
Dry Beans Combined	49	29	35	35
Alfalfa Third Cutting	51	35	29	41

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 5.5 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Oats harvest was virtually complete with 96 percent harvested compared to the average of 91 percent. Rainfall in major counties slowed winter wheat seeding and progress fell slightly behind with over three-quarters of the crop in the ground. Over half was emerged which was 14 points ahead of the average pace.

Almost three-quarters of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were almost half done with the combining. Progress remained ahead of the average pace. Condition of beans remained steady with 56 percent of the crop in good condition. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 75 percent reaching dough and 51 percent dented compared with the averages of 93 and 72 percent. About 10 percent of the crop was mature. Corn condition was unchanged with 54 percent rated in good or excellent condition. Corn silage harvest made big gains last week despite weather with 63 percent complete, 6 points ahead of the average pace. About two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. Beet harvest had not yet begun. Producers getting a third cutting of alfalfa were 51 percent complete.

CROP CONDITON TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	2	9	35	51	3
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0
Dry Beans	0	5	39	56	0

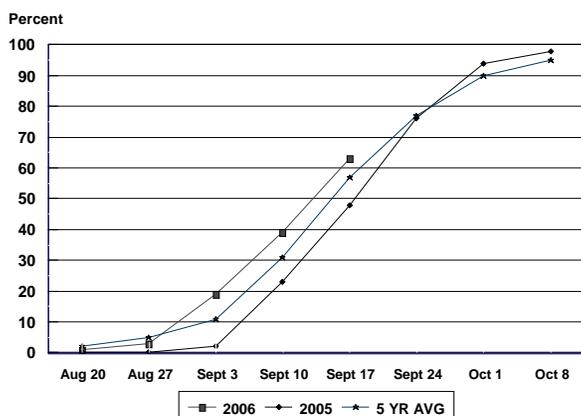
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Rainfall during the week aided cool season grasses but was not enough to markedly improve rangeland and pasture condition. Only 5 percent was rated good, unchanged from last week, and 27 percent was fair, up 6 points from last week. Forty percent remained in very poor condition. Most of the grass cattle had already left and calves were starting to move.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	40	45	5	28
Poor	28	29	16	26
Fair	27	21	32	27
Good	5	5	43	17
Excellent	0	0	4	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 15th averaged above normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 0.6 degrees above normal in Laramie to 7.0 degrees above normal in Powell. The high temperature was 93 in Dillinger and Sheridan while the low was 30 in Jackson. Precipitation was recorded across the entire State except Powell. Amounts were variable but above normal at most reporting stations. The most precipitation was reported in Cheyenne with 1.20 inches, Big Piney with 1.12 inches, and Wheatland with 1.00 inches.

Corn Silage Harvested



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	82	30	5.1	0.62	0.29	10.23	12.43	-2.20
Afton	82	34	2.4	0.79	0.43	9.26	13.17	-3.91
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	79	38	4.3	0.94	0.67	6.86	8.22	-1.36
Big Piney AP	80	31	5.6	1.12	0.92	4.39	5.79	-1.40
Rock Springs AP	81	44	4.5	0.34	0.14	4.40	6.97	-2.57
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	83	47	5.2	0.61	0.35	6.70	8.68	-1.98
Deaver	92	41	5.6	0.25	0.12	2.59	4.64	-2.05
Greybull AP	91	41	5.2	0.04	-0.15	2.73	5.85	-3.12
Powell Field St	88	40	7.0	0.00	-0.16	2/		
Worland FAA AP	92	39	2.9	0.19	-0.01	2.91	6.20	-3.29
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	90	40	2.0	0.18	-0.08	5.75	10.61	-4.86
Sheridan WSO AP	93	40	6.0	T	-0.33	5.86	11.27	-5.41
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	93	40	6.1	0.21	-0.03	10.06	11.84	-1.78
Sundance	88	45	5.7	0.60	0.29	17.26	15.01	2.25
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	90	47	5.8	0.04	-0.24	12.28	13.01	-0.73
Redbird	92	38	3.4	0.22	-0.11	10.78	12.85	-2.07
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	89	37	3.6	0.06	-0.16	10.53	10.03	0.50
Cheyenne AP	82	43	2.2	1.20	0.86	9.90	13.10	-3.20
Chugwater	86	42	1.9	0.65	0.35	8.38	12.96	-4.58
Douglas AP	91	38	3.9	0.18	-0.03	6.53	10.40	-3.87
Torrington AP	91	43	2.9	0.20	-0.09	7.33	11.49	-4.16
Wheatland 4 N	88	42	1.6	1.00	0.71	7.69	10.92	-3.23
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	88	43	3.9	0.59	0.34	4.23	9.94	-5.71
Riverton AP	89	45	4.7	0.07	-0.13	3.02	6.74	-3.72
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	79	35	0.6	0.90	0.66	6.13	9.13	-3.00
Rawlins AP	82	37	1.8	0.17	-0.03	2.90	7.42	-4.52
Saratoga	79	38	2.0	0.51	0.30	5.32	7.78	-2.46

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