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Week of September 25 – October 1, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mild temps with scattered showers.

Sugarbeet harvest was in full swing.

Corn for grain harvest began in Washakie County.

Warm fall weather and very little precipitation fell across the State last week. Freezing or near freezing temperatures were reported in all areas of the State. Below normal precipitation was received across most of the State, except in the eastern third of the State. High temperatures were mostly in the low 70's to low 80's. Low temperatures were mostly in the low 20's to mid 30's. Snow was reported in the high country down to approximately 9,000 feet. Accumulative precipitation for the year continues to be below normal in all areas except for Casper and Sundance.

Subsoil moisture and stock water supplies were worse than last year. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 46 percent of the State, down 1 point from last week, but 18 points better than the 5-year average. Stock water supplies were adequate to surplus in 39 percent of the State, down 1 point from two weeks ago and 20 points below last year at this time. About 60 percent of the State remained very short to short on stock water supplies.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	19	21	18	29
Short	35	32	44	43
Adeq	45	45	38	28
Surp	1	2	0	0
Subsoil	This Week	Two Weeks Ago	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	48	46	25	36
Short	35	42	39	43
Adeq	17	12	36	21
Surp	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Planted	99	90	99	96
Winter Wht Emerged	79	65	80	78
Sugarbeet Harvested	11	2	1	4
Corn Dough	95	86	100	99
Corn Dent	71	64	93	92
Corn Mature	31	17	48	60
Corn Silage Harvested	87	73	94	90
Dry Beans Windrowed	89	79	89	85
Dry Beans Combined	64	57	71	67
Alfalfa Third Cutting	81	66	61	65

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.3 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Winter wheat planting was virtually complete with 99 percent in the ground nearly the same as last year and 3 points ahead of average. About 80 percent of the winter wheat has emerged about the same as last year and 1 point ahead of average. Condition of the winter wheat crop was rated 66 percent good, compared with 48 percent last year.

About 90 percent of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were two-thirds done with the combining. Combining was 3 points behind the average pace but windrowed beans were 4 points ahead of average. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 95 percent reaching dough, 71 percent dented and 31 percent mature compared with the averages of 99, 92 and 60 percent. Corn producers in Washakie County began harvesting last week. Corn condition held steady with 54 rated in good or excellent condition. Eight-seven percent of the corn silage was harvested, 3 points behind the average pace. Sugarbeet harvest got into full swing last week. Eleven percent of the sugarbeets were harvested, 10 points ahead of last year and 7 points ahead of average pace. Condition of the sugarbeet crop was rated 68 percent good. For the producers able to get a third cutting of alfalfa, 81 percent was completed by week's end.

CROP CONDITON TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	1	33	66	0
Corn	1	10	35	51	3
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0

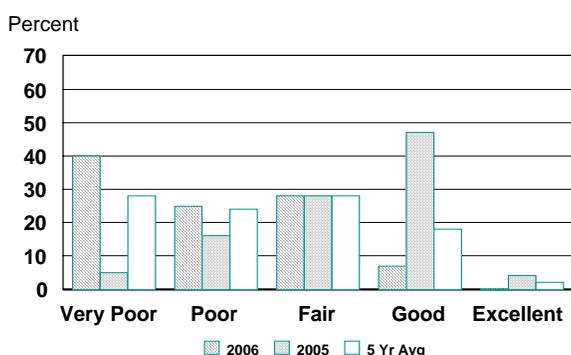
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Spotty showers with mild temps helped maintain pasture and range feed supplies. Seven percent was rated good, 1 point better than last week and 25 percent was poor, down 1 point from last week. Forty percent remained in very poor condition. Most livestock were home off BLM land and cattle producers believe fall pastures will run out more rapidly than normal this year.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	40	40	5	28
Poor	25	26	16	24
Fair	28	28	28	28
Good	7	6	47	18
Excellent	0	0	4	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 29th averaged from 5.1 degrees below normal in Newcastle to 2.5 degrees above normal in Big Piney. The high temperature was 81 in Torrington while the low was 20 in Redbird. Most reporting stations recorded under a tenth of an inch of precipitation for the week. Amounts were variable from none in Afton, Deaver, Worland, Kaycee, and Saratoga to about an inch in Chugwater. The most precipitation was reported in Chugwater with 1.04 inches, Sundance with 0.75 inches, and Douglas with 0.54 inches.

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Afton	70	25	-1.6	0.00	-0.36	9.87	13.91	-4.04
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	70	30	-0.1	0.04	-0.21	7.78	8.73	-0.95
Big Piney AP	73	23	2.5	T	-0.17	4.57	6.17	-1.60
Rock Springs AP	72	34	-0.2	T	-0.18	4.59	7.34	-2.75
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	74	35	1.3	0.11	-0.13	7.44	9.18	-1.74
Deaver	76	32	-0.9	0.00	-0.12	3.47	4.91	-1.44
Greybull AP	77	33	-0.1	0.05	-0.13	3.66	6.23	-2.57
Powell Field St	75	32	0.1	0.10	-0.06	2/		
Worland FAA AP	76	33	-0.4	0.00	-0.22	3.57	6.65	-3.08
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	78	32	0.3	0.00	-0.29	7.10	11.21	-4.11
Sheridan WSO AP	79	33	1.1	0.18	-0.15	8.39	11.95	-3.56
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	74	30	-1.4	0.27	-0.02	10.99	12.40	-1.41
Sundance	73	28	-1.4	0.75	0.40	19.86	15.70	4.16
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	74	30	-5.1	0.12	-0.19	12.81	13.60	-0.79
Redbird	77	20	-2.0	0.20	-0.10	11.50	13.47	-1.97
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	78	31	-1.7	0.46	0.22	11.75	10.51	1.25
Cheyenne AP	75	28	-2.3	0.08	-0.17	9.98	13.65	-3.67
Chugwater	76	29	-4.5	1.04	0.80	9.49	13.49	-4.00
Douglas AP	78	27	-2.7	0.54	0.38	7.39	10.76	-3.37
Torrington AP	81	23	-1.6	0.16	-0.07	7.49	11.99	-4.50
Wheatland 4 N	80	28	-3.1	0.07	-0.16	7.76	11.43	-3.67
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	78	35	-0.1	0.18	-0.10	4.91	10.51	-5.60
Riverton AP	79	35	2.0	0.25	0.07	3.54	7.13	-3.59
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	70	24	-2.3	0.02	-0.17	6.43	9.54	-3.11
Rawlins AP	72	29	-1.4	0.08	-0.10	3.80	7.80	-4.00
Saratoga	80	23	-2.6	0.00	-0.21	6.28	8.21	-1.93

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