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Month of December

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm, mostly dry month.

Winter wheat in mostly fair to good condition.

Hay and roughage supplies adequate in half of the State.

Mild seasonal weather prevailed across Wyoming during most of December. High temperatures were in the mid 40's to upper 60's. Low temperatures were mostly below zero with some in the double digits. Precipitation was below normal except for the southeastern corner where record snowfall was recorded around the holidays. Accumulative amounts for the year were above normal in only Casper and Sundance. The Casper area was due to heavy rainfall in July and Sundance due to a spring snow storm in April.

Topsoil moisture supplies improved with 39 percent rated adequate, up 13 points from the end of November. As of January 3, subsoil moisture was rated adequate in only 15 percent of the State. The average depth of snow cover averaged 3.5 inches across the State, with western and southeastern counties having significant snow depth. Even with recent snowfall, the latest Snow Precipitation Update reported the SWE (snow water equivalent) below average across all basins in Wyoming. Averages ranged from 49 percent of normal in the Belle Fourche Basin to 87 percent of normal in the Upper North Platte River Basin.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	22	6	15
Short	39	30	43
Adeq	39	60	41
Surp	0	4	1

Subsoil	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	39	17	27
Short	46	41	47
Adeq	14	42	26
Surp	1	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: Condition of winter wheat remained unchanged with only one-third rated in good condition. Most was fair. Wind damage to winter wheat was nonexistent to mostly light for 93 percent of the state, compared with 84 percent last year. There were some reports of moderate damage in the southeastern counties. Freeze damage to winter wheat was rare and what occurred was mostly light.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	1	2	65	32	0

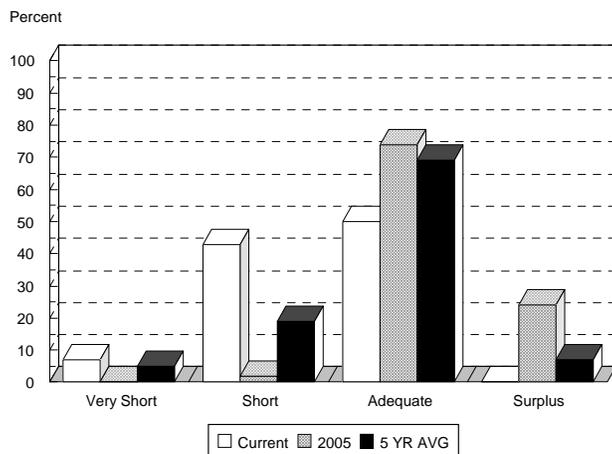
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition. Hay and roughage supplies were adequate in 50 percent of the State, compared with 44 percent at the end of November. Producers were busy feeding. Many were concerned with the lack of snow for water sources. This year's drought has really affected stock water supplies with only 45 percent adequate or better across the state, compared with 76 percent last year at this time.

Hay Supply	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	7	0	5
Short	43	2	19
Adeq	50	74	69
Surp	0	24	7

Stock Water	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	22	9	17
Short	33	15	32
Adeq	43	76	51
Surp	2	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the month of December averaged above normal across the entire State except for Cody and Saratoga. Temperatures averaged from 1.3 degrees below normal in Saratoga to 10.1 degrees above normal in Riverton. The high temperature was 68 in Wheatland while the low was -18 again in Wheatland. All precipitation amounts were below normal with the exception of the Southeast where heavy snow, high winds, and drifting occurred at the end of the month. The most precipitation was reported in Chugwater with 2.63 inches, Afton with 1.32 inches, and Cheyenne with 1.01 inches.

Hay and Roughage Supplies
December 31, 2006



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	CUMULATIVE	1/
			DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/06	THRU	DEP.
			FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
			NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	MONTH	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	44	-10	2.3	0.54	-0.90	15.17	17.70	-2.53
Afton	45	-15	0.7	1.32	0.00	14.51	18.30	-3.79
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	46	-4	2.0	0.41	-0.18	10.39	11.31	-0.92
Big Piney AP	43	-16	3.6	0.34	0.06	6.11	7.43	-1.32
Rock Springs AP	51	-2	2.3	0.28	-0.27	6.65	9.41	-2.76
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	52	0	-0.8	0.12	-0.17	8.71	10.86	-2.15
Deaver	57	-4	3.7	0.08	-0.06	4.60	5.57	-0.97
Greybull AP	57	-14	2.0	0.04	-0.33	4.59	7.57	-2.98
Powell Field St	55	-1	5.6	0.14	-0.07	3.07	7.29	-4.22
Worland FAA AP	61	-5	5.0	0.00	-0.24	3.84	7.97	-4.13
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	63	-8	3.5	0.25	-0.10	7.95	13.37	-5.42
Sheridan WSO AP	63	-3	7.5	0.27	-0.36	11.29	14.75	-3.46
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	59	-1	7.3	0.15	-0.31	13.18	14.60	-1.42
Sundance	58	1	6.3	0.01	-0.66	22.60	18.78	3.82
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	53	2	5.7	0.07	-0.45	13.76	16.05	-2.29
Redbird	65	-7	6.7	0.13	-0.18	12.33	15.51	-3.18
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	55	1	5.6	0.57	0.03	14.10	13.03	1.07
Cheyenne AP	63	-1	4.0	1.01	0.59	11.63	15.47	-3.84
Chugwater	65	-2	3.0	2.63	2.06	12.72	15.79	-3.07
Douglas AP	62	-9	5.8	0.41	0.03	8.55	12.59	-4.04
Torrington AP	67	-5	5.8	0.22	-0.10	8.06	13.84	-5.78
Wheatland 4 N	68	-18	1.9	0.97	0.72	9.03	13.09	-4.06
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	56	-2	7.0	0.34	-0.22	7.48	13.43	-5.95
Riverton AP	57	-3	10.1	0.12	-0.24	4.76	8.75	-3.99
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	56	-16	1.6	0.08	-0.32	7.09	11.38	-4.29
Rawlins AP	50	-12	0.8	0.01	-0.47	4.85	9.79	-4.94
Saratoga	52	-17	-1.3	0.36	-0.07	9.66	10.24	-0.58

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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