



Wyoming Crop Weather



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Month of March

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Very warm month.

Calving and lambing going well.

Spring grazing prospects poor to fair.

Spring weather seems to have arrived about one month early across the state of Wyoming. High temperatures were mostly in the mid 50's to upper 70's. Low temperatures were mostly in the single digits to the low teens but some areas in the West still experienced below zero weather. Precipitation varied widely across the State and amounts were below normal except for Big Piney.

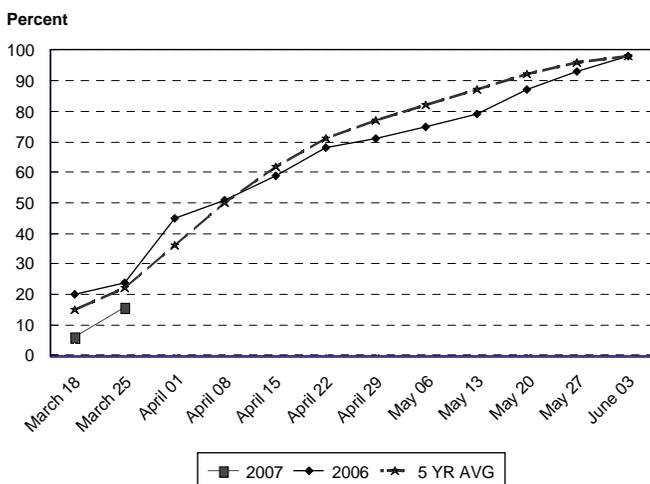
Topsoil moisture supplies held steady with 32 percent rated adequate, down 4 points from the month of February. Snow cover was virtually nonexistent except for Uinta County where they averaged 2.0 inches. The latest Snow Precipitation Update reported the SWE (snow water equivalent) below average across all basins in Wyoming. Averages ranged from 49 percent of normal in the Belle Fourche Basin to 75 percent of normal in the Upper and Lower North Platte River Basins. Spring moisture will be needed to jumpstart the growing season and improve critically dry range and pasture conditions.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	26	23	7	17
Short	42	41	37	40
Adequate	32	36	53	40
Surplus	0	0	3	3

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	19	6	24	22
Oats Planted	2	0	0	2
Spring Wheat Planted	5	0	3	2

Barley Planted
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FIELD CROP REPORT: Condition of winter wheat improved slightly from the end of February with 35 percent rated in good condition. Most of the crop remained in fair condition. Wind damage to winter wheat was mostly nonexistent to light for 91 percent of the State, down 1 point from last month. Freeze damage to winter wheat was rare and what occurred was mostly light. There were some reports of moderate freeze and wind damage in the southeastern counties. Only 16 percent of the barley has been planted, behind both last year and the average pace. Producers were just starting to seed oats and spring wheat.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	1	5	59	35	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	50	35	46	45
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	51	40	51	50
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	50	40	51	54
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	3	NA	6	6
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	12	NA	10	14

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: High winds coupled with warm weather were deteriorating range and pasture conditions. Almost three-quarters were in very poor to poor condition and only 8 percent of the ranges and pastures were rated in good condition. Spring calving moved ahead of the average pace with 50 percent on the ground. Farm flock lambing and shearing were moving near the average pace at 51 and 50 percent complete compared to the averages of 50 and 54 percent, respectively. Range flock lambing and shearing was just getting started. Calf and lamb losses were light to normal with a few heavy losses reported in Campbell and Natrona Counties. Stock water supplies fell and were only 41 percent adequate or better across the state, compared with 53 percent at the end of February. Spring grazing prospects were rated poor to fair in 80 percent of the State.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	28	26	7	21
Poor	43	40	9	21
Fair	21	19	50	37
Good	8	15	34	20
Excellent	0	0	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the month of March averaged above normal across the entire State with the exception of Afton. Temperatures averaged from 0.8 degrees below normal in Afton to 7.2 degrees above normal in Sundance. The high temperature was 79 in Redbird while the low was -19 in Big Piney. Precipitation was recorded at all stations except for Deaver and Worland. Amounts were all below normal except for Big Piney. The most precipitation was reported in Afton with 1.03 inches, Sundance with 0.60 inches, and the Uinta County Airport with 0.56 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 2007

STATION	TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION			CUMULATIVE 1/		
	MAX	MIN	NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	MONTH	NORM	
SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Jackson	64	-8	3.1	0.10	-0.96	1.50	3.47	-1.97	
Afton	56	-15	-0.8	1.03	-0.29	2.35	3.86	-1.51	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	63	-3	2.8	0.56	-0.20	0.93	2.06	-1.13	
Big Piney AP	64	-19	5.2	0.46	0.04	0.62	1.03	-0.41	
Rock Springs AP	66	5	3.2	0.20	-0.44	0.71	1.74	-1.03	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	71	11	6.8	0.02	-0.43	0.85	1.15	-0.30	
Deaver	73	2	3.3	0.00	-0.19	0.11	0.45	-0.34	
Greybull AP	74	5	3.6	0.14	-0.14	0.43	1.00	-0.57	
Powell Field St	74	6	4.6	0.02	-0.22	0.30	0.53	-0.23	
Worland FAA AP	74	8	3.2	0.00	-0.37	0.00	0.84	-0.84	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	77	-3	4.3	0.46	-0.20	0.58	1.45	-0.87	
Sheridan WSO AP	76	3	3.5	0.12	-0.72	1.05	2.11	-1.06	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Dillinger	77	4	5.6	0.20	-0.53	0.93	1.63	-0.70	
Sundance	77	1	7.2	0.60	-0.30	3.31	2.21	1.10	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	76	2	4.5	0.04	-0.66	1.17	1.71	-0.54	
Redbird	79	9	5.2	0.02	-0.65	0.25	1.40	-1.15	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Casper AP	73	-4	5.3	0.19	-0.59	0.90	1.95	-1.05	
Cheyenne AP	72	11	6.0	0.39	-0.46	0.82	1.79	-0.97	
Chugwater	73	10	4.3	0.53	-0.35	1.28	2.03	-0.75	
Douglas AP	75	8	4.7	0.09	-0.65	0.45	1.58	-1.13	
Torrington AP	78	11	5.4	0.09	-0.52	0.36	1.32	-0.96	
Wheatland 4 N	76	10	4.4	0.44	-0.10	0.80	1.08	-0.28	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	74	9	6.3	0.01	-0.98	0.84	2.01	-1.17	
Riverton AP	73	6	6.4	0.05	-0.36	0.25	0.89	-0.64	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	65	3	5.1	0.10	-0.58	0.32	1.55	-1.23	
Rawlins AP	67	3	4.1	0.14	-0.43	0.17	1.60	-1.43	
Saratoga	65	0	2.5	0.10	-0.55	1.71	1.53	0.18	

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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