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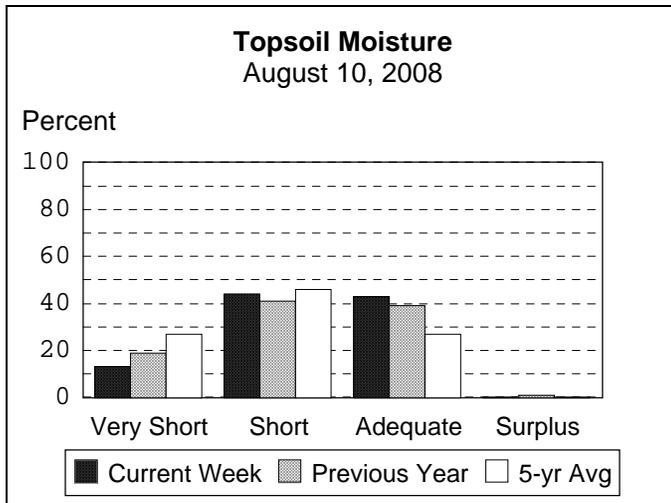
AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry with precipitation in some areas.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture conditions lack moisture.

Last week Wyoming was hot and dry. Localized areas received scattered rain showers. High temperatures ranged from high 70's to high 90's. Low temperatures were in the high 30's to high 50's. More than half of the reporting stations received below normal precipitation. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better increased to 43 percent, 8 points up from the previous week and 16 points up from the average. Irrigation water supplies were 76 percent adequate or better, 36 points up from previous year and 28 points up from the average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	13	11	19	27
Short	44	54	41	46
Adequate	43	35	39	27
Surplus	0	0	1	0



CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Turning Color	84	66	94	95
Barley Mature	64	43	86	79
Barley Harvested	20	7	54	51
Oats Headed	99	94	97	97
Oats Turning Color	82	63	85	83
Oats Mature	53	31	68	60
Oats Harvested	19	6	34	35
Spring Wht Turn Color	79	47	81	88
Spring Wht Mature	52	19	61	68
Spring Wht Harvested	15	5	16	36
Winter Wht Harvested	92	69	92	94
Corn Tassled	83	61	92	91
Corn Silked	41	15	65	65
Corn Milked	3	1	16	32
Dry Beans Bloom	87	78	95	92
Dry Beans Setting Pod	57	25	59	70
Dry Beans Turning Color	10	4	3	3
Alfalfa Hay Second Cutting	40	29	58	51
Other Hay Harvested	62	52	83	75

IRRIGATION WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	17	20
Short	15	43	32
Adequate	76	40	47
Surplus	0	0	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Due to lack of moisture the crop progress remained behind normal. Ninety-two percent of the winter wheat was harvested, consistent with last year and only 2 points behind the average. Eighty-four percent of barley was turning color, 64 percent was mature and 20 percent was harvested, 31 points below the average. Nearly four-fifths of the spring wheat was turning color, 52 percent was mature and 15 percent was harvested, only 1 point below the previous year but 21 points below average. Oats were completing the headed stage with 82 percent turning color, 53 percent mature and 19 percent harvested, 16 points below the average. Five-sixths of corn was in the tassel stage with 41 percent silked and 3 percent in the milk stage, 13 points below previous year and 29 points below average. Eighty-seven percent of dry beans were in bloom, 57 percent were setting pods and 10 percent were turning color, 7 points above the previous year and the average. Forty percent of the alfalfa has been cut for the second time, 11 points below the 5-year average. Sixty-two percent of all other hay has been cut, 21 points below the previous year and 13 points below the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Barley	0	2	16	78	4
Oats	0	1	21	77	1
Spring Wht	0	0	23	73	4
Corn	0	1	32	67	0
Sugarbeets	0	0	16	82	2
Dry Beans	0	0	1	98	1

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock was doing well at 84 percent good or better. Range and pasture conditions continued to suffer due to lack of moisture. Additional moisture is needed in order to maintain adequate grazing. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 43 percent good or better, which dropped 4 points from last week but was up 17 points from the average.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	1	5	18
Poor	14	13	21	21
Fair	42	39	39	35
Good	35	37	30	23
Excellent	8	10	5	3

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, August 10 averaged at or above normal in all but one of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Newcastle to 9 degrees above normal at Buford. The high temperature was 97 at Sheridan while the low was 37 degrees at Lake Yellowstone and Jackson Hole. More than half of the reporting stations received below normal precipitation. Sixty percent of the reporting stations received below normal accumulative moisture. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Cheyenne at 2.8 inches, 2.38 points above normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 10, 2008 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	93	55	72	3	0.24	0.21	0.03	5.44	-2.01
Dubois	89	39	65	4	0.41	0.18	0.23	6.84	0.52
Greybull	96	57	77	5	0.00	0.07	-0.07	4.21	-0.88
Jeffrey City	90	47	69	3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	5.32	-2.27
Lake Yellowstone	79	37	59	4	0.47	0.35	0.12	11.19	-1.71
Lander	94	53	75	5	0.00	0.13	-0.13	9.54	0.59
Powell	92	49	70	2	0.18	0.14	0.04	4.16	-0.91
Riverton	92	58	76	8	0.00	0.13	-0.13	5.56	0.13
Worland	95	54	75	2	0.01	0.09	-0.08	4.89	-0.48
District 2									
Big Horn	93	54	72	3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	12.20	2.31
Buffalo-Johnson	92	56	73	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.30	1.75
Gillette	94	52	74	3	0.06	0.23	-0.17	13.46	2.16
Mid-West	92	53	73	2	0.25	0.20	0.05	12.42	2.44
Newcastle	86	55	70	-3	0.59	0.42	0.17	17.57	6.41
Sheridan	97	53	74	3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	10.66	0.68
Sundance	89	39	70	0	1.70	0.41	1.29	16.39	3.15
District 3									
Big Piney	85	42	67	8	0.10	0.20	-0.10	2.93	-1.88
Evanston	86	52	69	7	0.87	0.21	0.66	4.73	-2.26
Jackson Hole	84	37	64	4	0.58	0.28	0.30	11.89	-1.43
Thayne	87	39	65	3	0.79	0.28	0.51	5.73	-5.60
District 4									
Casper	93	48	72	2	0.00	0.19	-0.19	8.72	-0.33
Laramie	85	49	66	4	0.32	0.28	0.04	5.95	-1.76
Rawlins	90	49	71	3	0.18	0.21	-0.03	3.86	-2.58
Rock Springs	89	50	70	4	0.21	0.14	0.07	4.16	-1.96
Shirley Basin	86	41	63	3	0.09	0.21	-0.12	7.22	0.12
District 5									
Buford	90	52	68	9	0.90	0.42	0.48	11.98	1.57
Cheyenne	90	56	70	4	2.80	0.42	2.38	8.33	-2.71
Chugwater	86	55	70	3	0.15	0.35	-0.20	10.76	-0.45
Douglas	93	52	73	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.88	-1.18
Lance Creek	93	55	75	3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.57	-0.09
Old Fort Laramie	90	55	72	1	0.16	0.28	-0.12	8.10	-1.66
Torrington	91	58	74	2	1.47	0.28	1.19	8.41	-1.53
Wheatland	88	56	72	0	0.31	0.28	0.03	10.54	1.24

^{1/} Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955