



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of March 27 – April 2, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm week.

Barley seeding ahead of the average pace.

Calves and lambs in good condition.

Spring weather finally arrived and temperatures were above normal with a few exceptions in the far west. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the 50's to upper 60's, and lows in the teens to mid 20's. Precipitation was mostly below normal with just scattered areas mostly in the northern half of the state receiving above normal amounts.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 54 percent of the state, down 2 points from last week. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 36 percent of the state. Moisture supplies have improved slightly over both last year and the 5-year average. Barley planting was ahead of the average pace while producers had not started seeding oats. Hay and roughage supplies were rated adequate in 97 percent of the state.

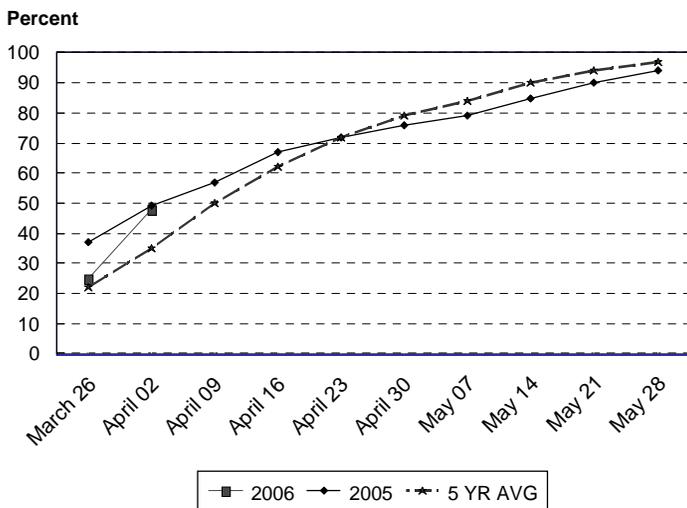
SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent						
Very Short	8	7	23	15	21	36	28
Short	38	37	31	41	43	33	44
Adeq	50	54	42	41	34	30	28
Surp	4	2	4	3	2	1	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	48	25	49	35
Barley Emgd	1	0	0	2
Oats Pltd	0	0	10	6
Spring Wheat Pltd	8	4	9	6
Sugarbeet Pltd	2	0	1	2

Barley Planted



FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 3.0 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. The winter wheat crop condition held steady with 63 percent rated good and none excellent. Barley had been planted on 48 percent of the expected acreage, slightly behind last year but 13 points ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat was just ahead of the average pace with 8 percent seeded. Historically, producers start planting oats during the last week in March but weather conditions have held up progress. Producers in the Big Horn Basin had just started seeding sugarbeets.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	1	2	34	63	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	58	47	54	58
Farm Flock Ewes Lambd	60	52	63	63
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	59	52	66	65
Range Flock Ewes Lambd	9	-	11	10
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	17	-	26	24

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions continue to be better than the last few years with 30 percent rated good and 1 percent excellent, compared with 19 percent good and 4 percent excellent last year. Hay and roughage supplies were adequate in 97 percent of the state. Calving moved at an average pace with 58 percent of the calves on the ground. Lambing and shearing were behind both last year and the 5-year average. Farm flock lambing and shearing were 60 and 59 percent complete compared with the averages of 63 and 65 percent. Calf and lamb losses were mostly normal. Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	6	7	44	23
Poor	9	9	16	25
Fair	54	50	17	36
Good	30	34	19	15
Excellent	1	0	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, March 31st, were above normal across the State except for a few stations in the West. Averages ranged from 5.8 degrees above normal in Kaycee to 3.5 degrees below normal in Afton. The high temperature was 72 in Redbird and the low was 5 in Afton. Precipitation was below normal except for some widely scattered areas. The most precipitation was reported in Riverton with 1.00 inch, Deaver with 0.64 inches, and Kaycee with 0.53 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	47	11	-1.7	0.15	-0.10	3.74	3.72	0.02
Afton	47	5	-3.5	0.32	-0.03	3.69	4.22	-0.53
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	51	16	-0.3	0.13	-0.09	1.51	2.28	-0.77
Big Piney AP	53	11	3.8	0.14	0.00	1.31	1.17	0.14
Rock Springs AP	57	20	0.1	0.28	0.10	1.08	1.92	-0.84
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	63	21	5.1	0.00	-0.15	0.58	1.29	-0.71
Deaver	65	19	2.1	0.64	0.60	0.73	0.49	0.24
Greybull AP	67	21	2.2	T	-0.09	0.11	1.09	-0.98
Powell Field St	65	18	3.9	0.04	-0.03	0.14	0.60	-0.46
Worland FAA AP	67	22	2.3	0.04	-0.08	0.39	0.95	-0.56
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	65	20	5.8	0.53	0.29	1.89	1.69	0.20
Sheridan WSO AP	70	21	4.5	0.30	0.02	1.56	2.40	-0.84
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	67	25	5.2	0.05	-0.19	1.82	1.87	-0.05
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	69	24	3.5	0.15	-0.07	1.77	1.92	-0.15
Redbird	72	23	4.0	0.22	-0.03	1.96	1.65	0.31
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	64	22	5.4	0.20	-0.04	2.24	2.19	0.05
Cheyenne AP	63	25	4.4	0.09	-0.17	1.84	2.05	-0.21
Chugwater	66	24	5.0	0.06	-0.19	2.78	2.28	0.50
Douglas AP	66	23	5.1	0.11	-0.11	1.33	1.80	-0.47
Torrington AP	69	24	1.4	0.29	0.06	1.43	1.55	-0.12
Wheatland 4 N	69	23	1.2	0.08	-0.09	1.79	1.25	0.54
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	63	21	3.9	0.00	-0.37	1.77	2.37	-0.60
Riverton AP	63	24	3.9	1.00	0.86	1.76	1.03	0.73
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	58	18	4.1	0.00	-0.18	0.33	1.73	-1.40
Rawlins AP	57	19	1.4	0.01	-0.18	0.60	1.79	-1.19
Saratoga	56	17	2.1	0.00	-0.20	1.17	1.73	-0.56

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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