



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of July 24 - July 30, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scorching temperatures.

Winter wheat harvest almost complete.

Shortened grazing season a concern.

Many daily record high temperatures were set across the State last week. All stations recorded well above normal average temperatures. High temperatures were at least in the 90's with many stations reaching over 100 degrees. Low temperatures were mostly in the mid 40's to mid 50's. Several stations received some moisture but amounts were below normal and not enough to improve conditions. Accumulative precipitation for the year was 2 to 4 inches below normal in most areas.

The hot, dry weather continued to stress pastures and deplete moisture. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in only 7 percent of the State, down from 10 percent last week, 35 percent last year, and the lowest for the date since 2002. Irrigation water supplies were 52 percent adequate. Livestock grazing permits may be cut short if conditions do not improve.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	47	41	15	34
Short	46	49	50	42
Adeq	7	10	35	24
Surp	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Headed	98	94	96	96
Barley Turn Color	86	73	75	75
Barley Mature	57	34	51	47
Barley Harvested	31	20	17	17
Oats Headed	97	92	87	85
Oats Turn Color	75	57	63	53
Oats Mature	46	27	39	26
Oats Harvested	27	18	21	8
Spring Wht Turn Color	93	82	79	59
Spring Wheat Mature	54	36	38	27
Spring Wheat Harvested	21	8	20	9
Winter Wht Harvested	92	79	84	77
Corn Tasseled	82	39	54	65
Corn Silked	42	9	26	23
Corn Milk	6	-	4	1
Dry Beans Bloom	90	59	68	70
Dry Beans Set Pod	46	30	50	34
Alfalfa Second Cut	46	32	16	21
Other Hay Harv	65	54	65	60

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.9 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grain harvest moved along well staying ahead of average pace. Winter wheat harvest was close to finishing at 92 percent, well ahead of the average pace of 77 percent. Over half of the spring wheat and barley acreage was mature with harvest around one-fourth done. Oats harvest was also near the one-quarter mark. Spring wheat condition was mostly poor to fair while barley and oats were mostly fair to good.

Dry beans continued to progress ahead of average pace with almost half setting pods. Condition of beans held steady with 59 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Early corn was entering the milk stage. Overall, 6 percent was in milk and 42 percent was silked. Corn condition slipped with 66 rated in good or excellent condition compared with 73 percent last week. Almost 80 percent of the sugarbeet crop remained in good or excellent condition. The second cutting of alfalfa was 46 percent complete, 25 points ahead of the average pace. Other hay harvest was at 65 percent, still 5 points ahead of the 5-year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Barley	1	5	36	58	0
Oats	0	8	42	50	0
Spring Wht	0	37	51	12	0
Corn	0	8	30	59	3
Dry Beans	0	2	39	57	2
Sugarbeets	0	3	19	74	4

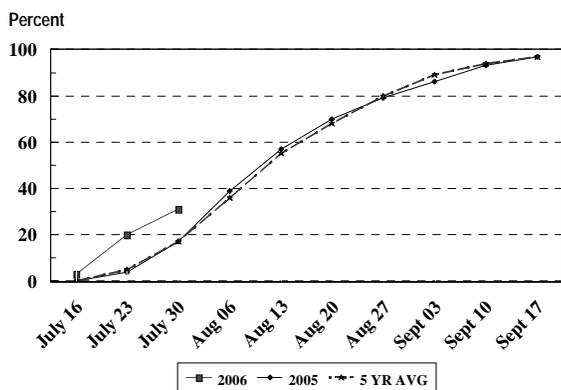
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Rangeland and pasture remained parched. Only 11 percent was rated good, down 1 point from last week. Livestock were in fair to mostly good condition. Range fires became more common across the State. Some cattlemen were considering weaning calves early and selling.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	42	36	2	22
Poor	29	30	15	21
Fair	18	22	30	30
Good	11	12	47	24
Excellent	0	0	6	3

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, July 28th were well above normal across the entire State setting records in many areas. Averages ranged from 3.2 degrees above normal in Worland to 9.6 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 105 in Dillinger while the low was 41 in Jackson. Several stations received precipitation but nearly all amounts were below normal. The most precipitation was reported in Laramie with 0.54 inches, Torrington with 0.36 inches, and Saratoga with 0.15 inches.

Barley Harvested
Wyoming



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 28, 2006

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	93	41	5.1	0.05	-0.26	8.67	10.21	-1.54
Afton	94	45	6.6	0.01	-0.30	7.14	10.84	-3.70
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	93	55	9.6	0.01	-0.20	4.63	6.56	-1.93
Big Piney AP	92	44	8.6	0.03	-0.21	2.84	4.32	-1.48
Rock Springs AP	95	56	6.4	0.02	-0.19	3.19	5.78	-2.59
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	96	58	7.8	0.08	-0.18	6.00	7.04	-1.04
Deaver	100	54	3.4	0.13	-0.02	2.29	3.72	-1.43
Greybull AP	103	55	5.1	T	-0.13	2.62	4.90	-2.28
Powell Field St	97	54	6.6	0.08	-0.12	1.29	5.04	-3.75
Worland FAA AP	101	55	3.2	0.01	-0.16	2.67	5.15	-2.48
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	104	59	8.4	0.07	-0.23	5.16	9.04	-3.88
Sheridan WSO AP	103	51	6.6	T	-0.23	5.56	9.62	-4.06
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	105	56	9.2	T	-0.40	8.95	9.94	-0.99
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	102	53	6.4	0.12	-0.39	9.50	10.38	-0.88
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	100	50	5.8	T	-0.28	8.47	8.57	-0.10
Cheyenne AP	91	51	5.3	0.12	-0.49	8.12	10.29	-2.17
Chugwater	98	51	6.4	0.01	-0.47	6.16	10.46	-4.30
Douglas AP	104	54	7.8	0.01	-0.35	4.72	8.68	-3.96
Torrington AP	104	55	6.9	0.36	-0.04	5.87	9.39	-3.52
Wheatland 4 N	102	53	5.1	0.02	-0.43	4.98	8.75	-3.77
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	99	55	6.0	0.07	-0.16	3.26	8.63	-5.37
Riverton AP	98	57	7.6	0.00	-0.20	2.58	5.63	-3.05
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	92	47	7.2	0.54	0.17	3.71	7.23	-3.52
Rawlins AP	96	53	6.5	0.06	-0.16	1.81	6.05	-4.24
Saratoga	92	46	4.9	0.15	-0.14	3.24	6.19	-2.95

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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