



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of August 28 – September 3, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures.

Winter wheat seeding lagging behind.

Corn silage and dry bean harvests underway.

Storm clouds brought welcome rain and cooler temperatures across most of the State last week. High temperatures were mostly in the low 80's to mid 90's. Low temperatures were mostly in the low 20's to upper 40's. Nighttime temperatures were dropping with heavy frosts occurring in some areas. For the most part, areas in the Northwest remained warm and dry. Accumulative precipitation for the year remained well below normal almost everywhere.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 27 percent of the State, down 5 points from last week and down from 36 percent last year. Subsoil moisture was very short in almost half of the State. Welcome moisture and cooler weather have improved the stock water situation a little. Stock water supplies were adequate in 35 percent of the State compared with 32 percent two weeks ago.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	Percent							
Very Short	30	30	17	37	48	22	39	
Short	43	38	47	43	42	39	41	
Adeq	27	31	36	20	10	39	20	
Surp	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Barley Harvested	93	87	86	89
Oats Mature	97	94	91	92
Oats Harvested	90	81	80	77
Spring Wht Harvested	97	85	98	87
Winter Wht Planted	22	5	40	38
Winter Wht Emerged	1	-	3	5
Corn Silk	100	88	99	98
Corn Milk	73	66	97	94
Corn Dough	45	32	77	73
Corn Dent	18	5	27	28
Corn Mature	1	0	5	8
Corn Silage	19	3	2	11
Dry Beans Turn Color	85	66	63	77
Dry Beans Windrowed	45	26	9	22
Dry Beans Combined	20	14	4	8
Alfalfa Second Cut	93	88	82	86
Alfalfa Third Cut	17	8	10	16
Other Hay Harv	97	92	96	96

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.5 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grain harvest was nearing completion ahead of the average pace. Harvest was 93 and 90 percent complete for barley and oats compared with the averages of 89 and 77 percent. Spring wheat harvest was virtually complete. Rainfall slowed seeding of winter wheat. Almost one-quarter of the winter wheat crop was in the ground, 16 points behind the average pace.

Almost half of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were combining in the Big Horn Basin. Progress remained ahead of the average pace. Condition of beans were unchanged with 55 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 45 percent in dough and 18 percent dented compared with the averages of 73 and 28 percent. Corn condition held steady with 54 rated in good or excellent condition. Corn silage harvest moved 8 points ahead of the average pace with 19 percent complete. About two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. The second cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete, 7 points ahead of the average pace. Producers fortunate enough to get a third cutting were at 17 percent harvested. Other hay harvest was nearly complete. Hay shortages remained a concern.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Corn	1	9	36	51	3
Dry Beans	0	5	40	54	1
Sugarbeets	2	10	23	65	0

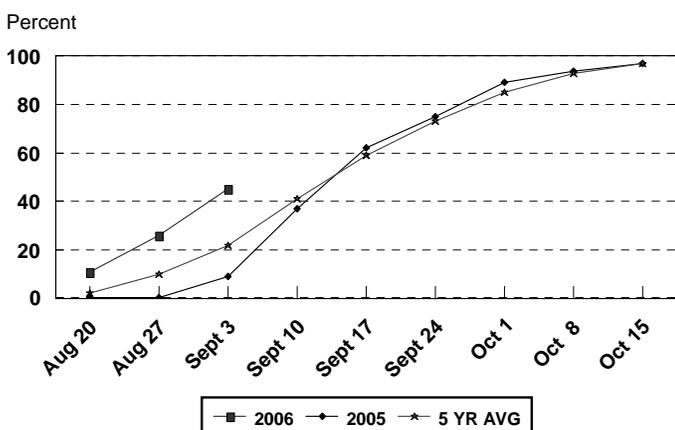
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Recent rains held rangeland and pasture condition steady with slight improvement in some areas. Still, only 5 percent was rated good, unchanged from last week. Almost half remained in very poor condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	46	44	3	29
Poor	27	28	12	25
Fair	22	23	38	29
Good	5	5	42	15
Excellent	0	0	5	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 1st averaged below normal across the entire State except in the Northwest. Averages ranged from 5.0 degrees below normal in Cheyenne to 2.7 degrees above normal in Deaver. The high temperature was 96 in Greybull and Sheridan while the low was 23 in Jackson and Big Piney. Precipitation was recorded at all reporting stations except some northern areas. Amounts were above normal except for some areas mostly in the Northwest. The most precipitation was reported in Chugwater with 1.48 inches, Wheatland with 1.29 inches, and Saratoga with 1.13 inches.

Dry Beans Windrowed Wyoming



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION						
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	84	23	0.0	0.38	0.05	9.61	11.79	-2.18
Afton	82	26	-1.6	0.52	0.18	8.34	12.47	-4.13
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	81	41	1.0	0.13	-0.11	5.88	7.70	-1.82
Big Piney AP	83	23	1.1	0.21	0.00	3.25	5.39	-2.14
Rock Springs AP	83	42	-1.1	0.33	0.15	4.04	6.57	-2.53
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	87	41	1.2	0.09	-0.14	6.09	8.16	-2.07
Deaver	95	46	2.7	0.00	-0.13	2.34	4.38	-2.04
Greybull AP	96	47	0.1	0.07	-0.07	2.69	5.49	-2.80
Powell Field St	91	43	0.6	0.00	-0.14	2/		
Worland FAA AP	92	43	-2.4	0.02	-0.12	2.72	5.83	-3.11
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	92	37	-1.7	0.00	-0.20	5.57	10.13	-4.56
Sheridan WSO AP	96	41	-1.6	0.00	-0.24	5.86	10.66	-4.80
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	95	35	-4.7	0.25	0.01	9.85	11.37	-1.52
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	92	46	-4.6	1.04	0.71	12.24	12.44	-0.20
Redbird	94	45	-3.4	0.95	0.65	10.56	12.22	-1.66
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	91	44	-2.9	0.84	0.65	10.47	9.60	0.87
Cheyenne AP	84	44	-5.0	0.31	-0.03	8.66	12.42	-3.76
Chugwater	90	45	-3.4	1.48	1.15	7.73	12.37	-4.64
Douglas AP	92	48	-3.1	0.31	0.06	6.35	9.97	-3.62
Torrington AP	92	45	-3.1	1.10	0.81	7.13	10.93	-3.80
Wheatland 4 N	91	45	-4.9	1.29	1.01	6.65	10.35	-3.70
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	90	41	-2.1	0.20	0.03	3.61	9.46	-5.85
Riverton AP	91	43	-0.6	0.17	0.02	2.95	6.34	-3.39
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	82	39	-2.4	1.12	0.87	5.19	8.64	-3.45
Rawlins AP	84	39	-1.4	0.37	0.18	2.68	7.03	-4.35
Saratoga	83	42	-0.6	1.13	0.93	4.81	7.36	-2.55

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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

2/MISSING DATA FOR TWO WEEKS IN JULY