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## Week of September 18 – September 24, 2006

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Below normal temps with rain.

Topsoil moisture continues to improve.

Corn is maturing.

Cool fall weather and precipitation dominated the State last week. Freezing or near freezing temperatures were reported in all areas of the State. Above normal precipitation was received across the State, except in the southeast. A half inch or more was recorded across the northern half of the State. High temperatures were mostly in the mid 60's to mid 70's. Low temperatures were mostly in the mid 20's to mid 30's. Snow was reported during last weekend in the high country and some frost occurred. Accumulative precipitation for the year remained below normal in all areas except for Casper and Sundance.

Recent moisture helped soil moisture and maintained irrigation water supplies. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 47 percent of the State, up 6 points from last week and up 19 points from the 5-year average. Irrigation water supplies were adequate to surplus in 51 percent of the State, up 1 point from two weeks ago. Almost half of the State remained very short to short on irrigation water supplies.

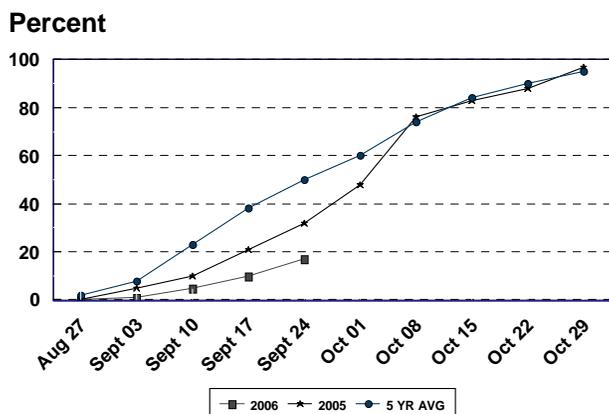
### SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	21	21	18	29
Short	32	38	42	43
Adequate	45	41	39	28
Surplus	2	0	1	0

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Planted	90	77	94	89
Winter Wht Emerged	65	56	66	61
Corn Dough	86	75	100	97
Corn Dent	64	51	88	85
Corn Mature	17	10	32	50
Corn Silage	73	63	76	77
Dry Beans Windrowed	79	73	75	73
Dry Beans Combined	57	49	56	52
Alfalfa Third Cutting	66	51	43	54

### Corn Mature



**FIELD CROP REPORT:** An average of 4.2 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Winter wheat planting was virtually complete with 90 percent in the ground, nearly the same as the 5-year average of 89 percent. Two-thirds of the winter wheat had emerged about the same as last year and 4 points ahead of average.

About eighty percent of the dry bean crop was windrowed and producers were over half done with the combining. Progress remained about 5 points ahead of the average pace. Condition of beans remained unchanged with 56 percent of the crop in good condition. Corn development continued behind the average pace with 86 percent reaching dough and 64 percent dented compared with the averages of 97 and 85 percent. About 17 percent of the crop was mature, 33 points behind the 50 percent average for this date. Corn condition held steady with 54 rated in good or excellent condition. Nearly three-quarters of the corn silage was harvested, 4 points behind the average pace. Sugarbeet producers in Park County began early harvest last week. Condition of the sugarbeet crop was rated 68 percent good. For the producers able to get a third cutting of alfalfa, two-thirds was completed by week's end.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	31	69	0
Corn	1	10	35	51	3
Dry Beans	0	5	39	56	0
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Rainfall and cool temperatures during the week helped maintain cool season grasses. Six percent was rated good, 1 point better than last week and 28 percent was fair, up 1 point from last week. Forty percent remained in very poor condition. About 80 percent of the cattle and calves were rated in good to excellent condition. Approximately three-quarters of the sheep and lambs were rated in good to excellent condition.

### PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	40	40	5	28
Poor	26	28	16	24
Fair	28	27	30	29
Good	6	5	45	17
Excellent	0	0	4	2

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 22nd averaged below normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 3.2 degrees below normal in Powell to 12.1 degrees below normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 76 in Wheatland, Newcastle and Worland while the low was 25 in Jackson and Afton. Precipitation was recorded across the entire State. Amounts were variable but above normal at most reporting stations. The most precipitation was reported in Sheridan with 2.35 inches, Sundance with 1.85 inches, and Kaycee with 1.35 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION						
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
<b>SNAKE DRAINAGE</b>								
Jackson	66	25	-3.6	1.13	0.78	11.36	12.78	-1.42
Afton	68	25	-7.8	0.61	0.24	9.87	13.54	-3.67
<b>GREEN &amp; BEAR DRAINAGE</b>								
Uinta County AP	69	26	-12.1	0.88	0.62	7.74	8.48	-0.74
Big Piney AP	66	26	-4.2	0.18	-0.03	4.57	6.00	-1.43
Rock Springs AP	71	29	-10.0	0.19	0.00	4.59	7.16	-2.57
<b>BIG HORN DRAINAGE</b>								
Cody	71	34	-6.9	0.63	0.36	7.33	8.95	-1.62
Deaver	72	36	-4.4	0.88	0.74	3.47	4.79	-1.32
Greybull AP	74	37	-6.4	0.88	0.68	3.61	6.05	-2.44
Powell Field St	71	35	-3.2	0.74	0.57	2/		
Worland FAA AP	76	36	-6.6	0.66	0.43	3.57	6.43	-2.86
<b>POWDER, LITTLE MO. &amp; TONGUE DRAINAGE</b>								
Kaycee	75	33	-9.9	1.35	1.05	7.10	10.92	-3.82
Sheridan WSO AP	74	34	-5.9	2.35	2.00	8.21	11.61	-3.40
<b>BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE</b>								
Dillinger	70	29	-9.5	0.66	0.39	10.72	12.11	-1.39
Sundance	70	30	-8.6	1.85	1.52	19.11	15.34	3.77
<b>CHEYENNE &amp; NIOBRARA DRAINAGE</b>								
Newcastle	76	32	-7.3	0.41	0.13	12.69	13.29	-0.60
Redbird	73	27	-5.9	0.52	0.20	11.30	13.17	-1.87
<b>LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Casper AP	74	35	-6.7	0.76	0.52	11.29	10.27	1.02
Cheyenne AP	71	34	-5.3	T	-0.31	9.90	13.41	-3.51
Chugwater	77	30	-3.4	0.07	-0.22	8.45	13.25	-4.80
Douglas AP	75	31	-5.1	0.32	0.13	6.85	10.59	-3.74
Torrington AP	75	32	-3.6	T	-0.27	7.33	11.76	-4.43
Wheatland 4 N	76	33	-6.4	T	-0.28	7.69	11.20	-3.51
<b>WIND RIVER DRAINAGE</b>								
Lander AP	71	31	-7.7	0.50	0.21	4.73	10.23	-5.50
Riverton AP	68	30	-5.2	0.27	0.06	3.29	6.95	-3.66
<b>UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Laramie AP	68	29	-7.3	0.28	0.05	6.41	9.35	-2.94
Rawlins AP	69	32	-8.3	0.82	0.62	3.72	7.62	-3.90
Saratoga	71	33	-6.2	0.96	0.74	6.28	8.00	-1.72

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