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Week of October 23 – October 29, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler weather continues with scattered moisture.

Corn for grain harvest makes good progress.

Sugarbeets three-fourths dug.

Wyoming experienced another cool week with below normal temperatures across most of the State. High temperatures were in the mid 50's to high 60's. Low temperatures were in the low teens to mid 20's. A strong storm system moved across the State but left most of the Big Horn Basin and other scattered areas with no precipitation. Amounts were mostly below normal except for areas in the Wind River and Upper Platte River drainages.

Recent storms slightly improved moisture supplies and helped maintain stock ponds but continued to delay dry bean harvest. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 44 percent of the State, up 2 points from last week. Subsoil moisture remained very short in 42 percent of the State, slightly better than the 46 percent two weeks earlier.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	17	15	13	28
Short	39	43	28	37
Adeq	44	41	57	34
Surp	0	1	2	1
Subsoil	This Week	Two Weeks Ago	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	42	46	22	37
Short	41	37	36	39
Adeq	17	17	41	23
Surp	0	0	1	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Sugarbeet Harvested	76	54	70	82
Corn Mature	98	77	97	95
Corn Harvested	50	27	41	47
Dry Beans Windrowed	98	93	100	100
Dry Beans Combined	87	82	92	95

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Dry bean windrowing was virtually complete but producers were only 87 percent through combining, 8 points behind the average pace. Corn made good progress last week with 98 percent mature and 50 percent harvested for grain, compared with the averages of 95 and 47 percent. Corn condition held steady with 54 percent rated in good or excellent condition. Over three-quarters of the sugarbeets were dug, 6 points ahead of last year but still 6 points behind the average pace. Condition of the winter wheat remained steady with two-thirds rated in good condition. The Northeast was still mostly fair.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	1	33	66	0
Corn	1	9	36	51	3

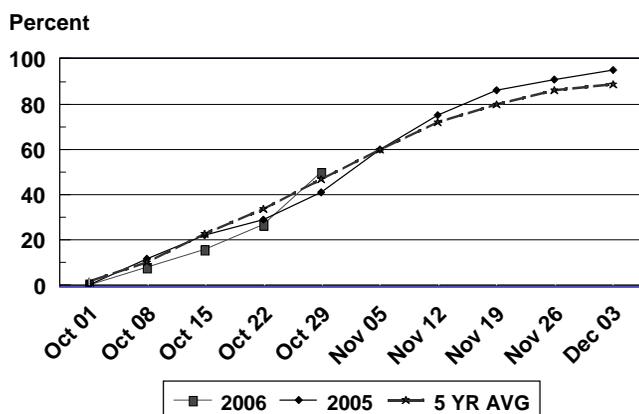
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture condition slipped slightly during the last week. Ten percent of the pasture and range feed supplies were rated in good condition while 38 percent remained in very poor condition. Stock water supplies were adequate in 46 percent of the State, compared with 44 percent two weeks ago. Producers were busy marketing livestock.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	38	37	3	27
Poor	25	25	16	24
Fair	27	28	33	29
Good	10	10	44	18
Excellent	0	0	4	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, October 27th, were below normal except for Big Piney and Casper. Temperatures averaged from 4.9 degrees below normal in Laramie and Saratoga to 2.1 degrees above normal in Big Piney. The high temperature was 69 in Kaycee and Torrington while the low was 11 in Laramie. Precipitation varied widely across the State with some stations reporting heavy storm activity while others received none. The most precipitation was reported in Rock Springs with 0.91 inches, Lander with 0.80 inches, and Saratoga with 0.79 inches.

Corn Grain Harvested



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 27, 2006

STATION	TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION			CUMULATIVE 1/		
	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM	
SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Afton	62	18	-2.6	0.02	-0.31	11.54	15.26	-3.72	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	61	17	-1.6	0.15	-0.09	9.27	9.70	-0.43	
Big Piney AP	59	14	2.1	0.08	-0.03	5.48	6.69	-1.21	
Rock Springs AP	60	22	-2.4	0.91	0.72	6.08	8.06	-1.98	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	61	20	-2.9	0.00	-0.19	8.22	9.98	-1.76	
Deaver	63	20	-3.6	0.00	-0.06	4.47	5.22	-0.75	
Greybull AP	60	20	-2.2	0.05	-0.07	4.45	6.75	-2.30	
Powell Field St	60	22	-3.1	T	-0.09	2/			
Worland FAA AP	63	20	-3.6	T	-0.12	3.84	7.28	-3.44	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	69	19	-1.5	0.23	-0.01	7.70	12.29	-4.59	
Sheridan WSO AP	65	25	-1.4	0.52	0.25	10.47	13.13	-2.66	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Dillinger	64	16	-3.9	0.11	-0.11	11.74	13.44	-1.70	
Sundance	66	23	-0.5	0.26	-0.04	20.68	17.05	3.63	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	62	21	-3.6	0.20	-0.03	13.17	14.69	-1.52	
Redbird	64	14	-3.2	0.00	-0.21	11.99	14.42	-2.43	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Casper AP	65	24	0.3	0.46	0.21	12.68	11.50	1.18	
Cheyenne AP	64	23	-0.8	T	-0.16	10.56	14.36	-3.80	
Chugwater	67	20	-2.4	0.10	-0.12	10.09	14.34	-4.25	
Douglas AP	65	19	-1.4	0.13	-0.03	7.74	11.40	-3.66	
Torrington AP	69	16	-1.1	T	-0.20	7.83	12.86	-5.03	
Wheatland 4 N	68	19	-3.9	0.00	-0.19	8.02	12.23	-4.21	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	62	23	-2.1	0.80	0.48	6.72	11.70	-4.98	
Riverton AP	60	18	-2.6	0.46	0.30	4.38	7.82	-3.44	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	61	11	-4.9	0.24	0.06	6.95	10.25	-3.30	
Rawlins AP	58	19	-4.7	0.48	0.30	4.76	8.56	-3.80	
Saratoga	56	12	-4.9	0.79	0.59	9.19	9.05	0.14	

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