



Wyoming Crop Weather



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Month of March

moderate.

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Nearly one-third of the Barley is in the ground.

Winter wheat damage mostly none.

Livestock is in good condition.

Soil moisture remains above normal.

The State received mostly below normal temperatures during the month of March. Precipitation is below normal across most areas of the State. Jackson, Dillinger, Newcastle, and Saratoga are the only areas whose cumulative precipitation is slightly above normal. Temperatures for the last week of March averaged from 8 degrees below normal in Powell to 0.6 degrees below normal in Douglas. High temperatures were mostly in the low 60's. Low temperatures were reported in the teens. Average depth of snow cover is 2.20 inches. Natural Resource Conservations snowpack report for March 1 showed that generally, the snow water equivalent (SWE) across Wyoming is slightly below average for this time of the year at 99% of average for early March. Precipitation for last month in the basins varied from 92% of average to 162% of average for the State. Year-to-date precipitation is above average for the year and varies from 82-124% of average in the basins. Forecasted runoff varies from 65-178% of average across Wyoming for an overall average of 98%. Basin reservoir levels for Wyoming vary from 30-208% of average for an overall average of 80%. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 58 percent adequate or better, 12 points below last year and 6 points above the five year average. Subsoil moisture levels were reported as 44 percent adequate or better, 10 points better than last year and 13 points above the five year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	17	83	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	50	22	59	55
Farm Flock Ewes Lambled	52	25	60	59
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	40	30	58	61
Range Flock Sheep Lambled	3	-	8	8
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	7	-	18	21

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock conditions traded a few points between categories since last month. Seventy-two percent of the Cattle and 88 percent of the calves were rated good or better. Spring calving was slightly behind normal with 50 percent on the ground. Calf losses were light to mostly normal. Seventy-six percent of sheep and 82 percent of the lambs were in good or better condition. Fifty-two percent of the Farm flock and 3 percent of the range flock had lambled, slightly behind average. Forty percent of the farm flock sheep and 7 percent of the range flock sheep had been shorn. Lamb losses were mostly normal with 15 percent light and 85 percent normal. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 70 percent adequate. Pasture and range were rated 44 percent in good or better condition and only 25 percent of the ranges and pastures were rated in poor or very poor condition.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	22	21
Poor	23	35	22
Fair	31	33	36
Good	43	10	20
Excellent	1	0	1

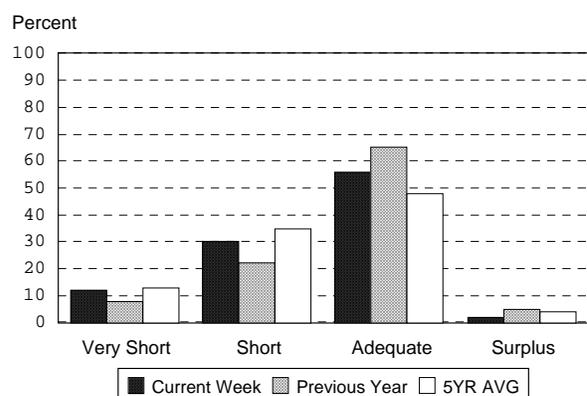
WEATHER SUMMARY: The largest precipitation amount recorded in the State for the month of March was 1.21 inches in Afton. Torrington had the highest temperature during the month at 71 degrees. Jackson and Big Piney recorded the lowest temperature during the month at 8 degrees below zero.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	12	12	8	13
Short	30	29	22	35
Adeq	56	55	65	48
Surp	2	4	5	4

Subsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	33	33	27	29
Short	23	26	39	40
Adeq	42	38	33	30
Surp	2	3	1	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: Only 34 percent of the barley has been planted, 13 points ahead of last year and 1 point above normal. Seeding of oats, spring wheat and sugarbeets have not gotten underway. Producers were preparing the ground for planting. Winter wheat conditions still continue to hold mostly steady with 17 percent in fair condition and 83 percent in good condition. Winter wheat damage due to wind was reported as 64 percent none, 33 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Damage to winter wheat due to freeze was 86 percent none, 12 percent light and 2 percent

Topsoil Moisture
March 30, 2008



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 2008

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	CUMULATIVE	1/
			DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/08	THRU	DEP.
			FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	48	-8	-4.8	0.81	-0.22	3.94	3.72	0.22
Afton	52	-4	-5.2	1.21	-0.15	3.46	4.22	-0.76
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	43	4	-7.3	0.04	-0.76	1.03	2.28	-1.25
Big Piney AP	46	-8	-4.0	0.11	-0.37	0.52	1.17	-0.65
Rock Springs AP	52	7	-5.6	0.37	-0.31	1.58	1.92	-0.34
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	60	11	-1.9	0.45	-0.05	0.75	1.29	-0.54
Deaver	60	14	-1.8	0.03	-0.16	0.18	0.49	-0.31
Greybull AP	67	15	-3.3	0.15	-0.16	0.54	1.09	-0.55
Powell Field St	65	3	-5.5	0.14	-0.12	0.40	0.60	-0.20
Worland FAA AP	67	12	-3.5	0.54	0.12	0.84	0.95	-0.11
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	64	9	-3.9	0.38	-0.39	0.58	1.69	-1.11
Sheridan WSO AP	66	5	-2.4	0.87	-0.09	1.94	2.40	-0.46
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	63	5	-0.8	0.79	-0.01	2.26	1.87	0.39
Sundance	60	-7	-2.4	0.77	-0.24	1.84	2.53	-0.69
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	64	2	-2.3	0.74	-0.01	1.98	1.92	0.06
Redbird	69	14	-0.5	0.78	0.01	1.14	1.65	-0.51
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	60	10	-2.5	0.56	-0.29	1.23	2.19	-0.96
Cheyenne AP	67	12	-0.6	0.32	-0.63	0.57	2.05	-1.48
Chugwater	67	8	-1.4	0.35	-0.58	1.67	2.28	-0.61
Douglas AP	63	13	-0.6	0.58	-0.22	0.93	1.80	-0.87
Torrington AP	71	16	0.6	0.15	-0.56	0.48	1.55	-1.07
Wheatland 4 N	70	11	-2.4	0.09	-0.50	0.27	1.25	-0.98
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	57	8	-2.5	0.57	-0.62	1.47	2.37	-0.90
Riverton AP	60	9	-1.5	0.17	-0.30	0.48	1.03	-0.55
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	57	-3	-0.9	0.08	-0.64	0.35	1.73	-1.38
Rawlins AP	52	0	-5.4	0.10	-0.54	0.20	1.79	-1.59

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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