



Wyoming Crop Weather



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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Oats seeding behind average pace.

Calving and lambing going well.

Soil moisture continues above normal.

Most of the State experienced below normal temperatures last week as a cool front moved through and dropped temperatures. The cool front brought some precipitation to a few areas of the State although the amounts were all less than one inch. High temperatures were mostly in the low 40's to mid 60's. Low temperatures were mostly in the teens. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 58 percent adequate or better, 19 points below last year, but 5 points above the five year average. Irrigation water prospects were reported as 78 percent adequate or better, 24 points better than last year.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	11	12	4	13
Short	31	30	19	34
Adeq	56	56	71	49
Surp	2	2	6	4

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Sugarbeets was just ahead of the last year with 2 percent seeded. Only 3 percent of the intended oat crop has been seeded, 7 points behind average. Historically, producers start planting oats during the last week in March but weather conditions have held up progress. Barley had been planted on 43 percent of the expected acreage and 1 percent had emerged, slightly behind normal. Seeding of corn and spring wheat have not gotten underway. The winter wheat crop condition held steady with 76 percent rated good and none excellent.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	24	76	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

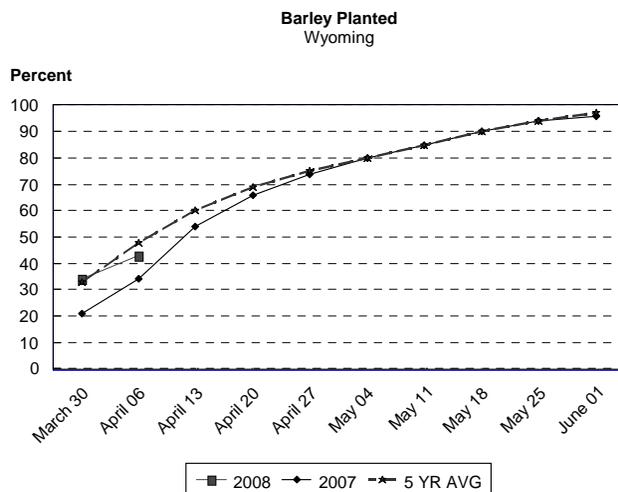
	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	62	50	69	63
Farm Flock Ewes Lambled	61	52	71	67
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	52	41	68	68
Range Flock Ewes Lambled	7	3	13	12
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	17	7	25	29

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Pasture and range were rated 36 percent in good or better condition and only 30 percent of the ranges and pastures were rated in poor or very poor condition. Spring grazing prospects were rated 50 percent good or excellent. Spring calving is running at average pace with 62 percent on the ground. Calf losses were light to mostly normal. Sixty-one percent of the Farm flock and 7 percent of the range flock had lambled, slightly behind average. Fifty-two percent of the farm flock sheep and 17 percent of the range flock sheep had been shorn. Lamb losses were mostly light to normal with only 5 percent reported as heavy.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	2	18	20
Poor	28	23	33	21
Fair	34	31	38	39
Good	35	43	11	19
Excellent	1	1	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 4 averaged below normal across the entire State. Average temperatures ranged from 17 degrees below normal in Saratoga to 4.7 degrees below normal in Torrington. The high temperature was 67 in Torrington while the low was 6 below zero in Saratoga. Precipitation was widely scattered across the State and many stations recorded no precipitation at all. Amounts were below normal except for Saratoga, Newcastle, Cheyenne, and Douglas. The most precipitation was reported in Saratoga with 0.76 inches, Newcastle with 0.60 inches, and Cheyenne with 0.40 inches.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 4, 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
			NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	MONTH	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	39	2	-12.4	0.19	-0.07	4.13	3.98	0.15
Afton	43	-1	-11.7	0.32	-0.02	3.78	4.56	-0.78
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	39	4	-13.1	0.21	-0.02	1.24	2.51	-1.27
Big Piney AP	44	2	-8.6	0.09	-0.06	0.61	1.32	-0.71
Rock Springs AP	48	10	-10.8	0.06	-0.15	1.64	2.13	-0.49
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	56	16	-9.6	0.00	-0.19	0.75	1.48	-0.73
Deaver	51	11	-16.9	0.00	-0.05	0.18	0.54	-0.36
Greybull AP	57	12	-12.0	T	-0.11	0.54	1.20	-0.66
Powell Field St	54	8	-11.6	0.00	-0.08	0.40	0.68	-0.28
Worland FAA AP	59	9	-11.5	T	-0.14	0.84	1.09	-0.25
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Sheridan WSO AP	57	1	-11.1	0.12	-0.19	2.06	2.71	-0.65
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	56	5	-8.2	0.22	-0.07	2.48	2.16	0.32
Sundance	59	14	-7.4	0.19	-0.20	2.03	2.92	-0.89
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	59	8	-10.0	0.60	0.32	2.58	2.20	0.38
Redbird	65	-4	-7.4	0.31	-0.03	1.45	1.99	-0.54
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	55	10	-8.1	0.12	-0.18	1.35	2.49	-1.14
Cheyenne AP	59	12	-6.1	0.40	0.12	0.97	2.33	-1.36
Chugwater	60	14	-8.6	0.24	-0.03	1.91	2.55	-0.64
Douglas AP	59	3	-8.9	0.29	0.00	1.22	2.10	-0.88
Torrington AP	67	19	-4.7	0.27	-0.01	0.75	1.84	-1.09
Wheatland 4 N	62	15	-8.0	0.07	-0.16	0.34	1.48	-1.14
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	57	11	-7.9	0.02	-0.40	1.49	2.80	-1.31
Riverton AP	55	10	-9.6	0.02	-0.16	0.50	1.21	-0.71
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	53	3	-6.6	0.18	-0.03	0.53	1.94	-1.41
Rawlins AP	47	4	-11.1	T	-0.21	0.20	2.00	-1.80
Saratoga	47	-6	-17.0	0.76	0.56	2.68	1.93	0.75

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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