



# Wyoming Crop Weather



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## Week of April 7 – April 13, 2008

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures lower than normal.

Half of the intended Barley acreage has been seeded.

Livestock is in good condition.

All reporting stations for the State experienced below normal temperatures last week. Precipitation was mostly below normal with scattered areas mostly in the southern half of the State receiving above normal amounts. High temperatures were mostly in the low 40's to low 60's. Low temperatures were mostly in the teens to low 20's. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 66 percent adequate or better, 8 points below last year, but 15 points above the five year average. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 48 percent adequate or better, 11 points above last year and 13 points better than the five year average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	11	3	12
Short	25	31	23	37
Adeq	64	56	70	49
Surp	2	4	4	2

Subsoil	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	28	33	23	26
Short	24	23	40	39
Adeq	47	42	37	34
Surp	1	2	0	1

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** An average of 3.7 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Winter wheat crop condition improved 2 points with 78 percent now rated good. Barley seeding moved rapidly ahead last week and was complete on 56 percent of the expected acreage, 2 points ahead of last year, but 4 points behind the 5-year average. Four percent of the barley had emerged, 8 points behind average. About 14 percent of the oats acreage was planted, a little behind last year and average. Sugarbeet planting jumped to 12 percent in the ground, just 3 points behind last year. Weather conditions have held up seeding of corn and spring wheat.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	22	78	0

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	73	62	78	73
Farm Flock Ewes Lambled	70	61	79	76
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	61	52	75	75
Range Flock Sheep Lambled	14	7	21	18
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	29	17	35	39

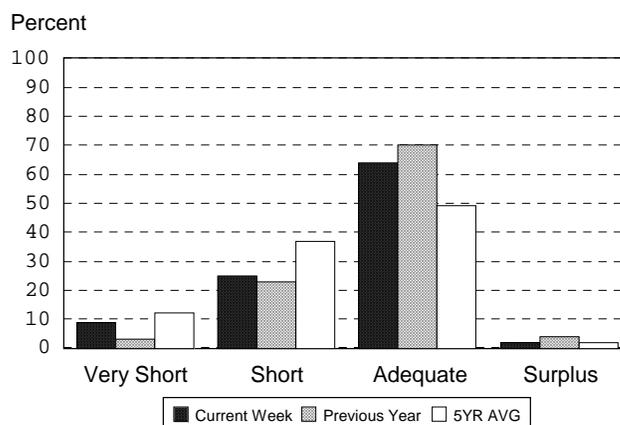
**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture conditions continued to be better than the last few years with 34 percent rated good and 2 percent excellent, compared with 15 percent good and zero excellent last year. Spring calving is running at average pace with 73 percent on the ground. Calf losses were light to mostly normal with only 2 percent reported as heavy. Seventy percent of the Farm flock and 14 percent of the range flock had lambled, slightly behind average pace. Sixty-one percent of the farm flock sheep and 29 percent of the range flock sheep had been shorn. Lamb losses were mostly light to normal with only 5 percent reported as heavy. Stock water prospects were reported as 75 percent adequate or better, 19 points better than last year at this time.

### RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	2	17	19
Poor	28	28	31	22
Fair	34	34	37	39
Good	34	35	15	19
Excellent	2	1	0	1

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 11 averaged below normal across the entire State. Average temperatures ranged from 12.2 degrees below normal in Uinta County to 3.8 degrees below normal in Dillinger. The high temperature was 61 in Redbird while the low was 5 degrees in Jackson. Precipitation was widely scattered across the State and many stations recorded no precipitation at all. Amounts were below normal except for Sheridan, Sundance, Wheatland, Laramie, Rawlins, and Saratoga. The most precipitation was reported in Sundance with 0.94 inches, Sheridan with 0.52 inches, and Cheyenne with 0.47 inches.

**Topsoil Moisture**  
April 13, 2008



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 11, 2008

TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION						
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
<b>SNAKE DRAINAGE</b>								
Jackson	47	5	-11.1	0.09	-0.18	4.22	4.25	-0.03
Afton	41	10	-11.9	0.08	-0.30	3.86	4.94	-1.08
<b>GREEN &amp; BEAR DRAINAGE</b>								
Uinta County AP	40	10	-12.2	0.19	-0.05	1.43	2.75	-1.32
Big Piney AP	40	10	-7.2	0.07	-0.07	0.68	1.46	-0.78
Rock Springs AP	43	18	-8.9	0.19	-0.05	1.83	2.37	-0.54
<b>BIG HORN DRAINAGE</b>								
Cody	53	22	-6.5	0.00	-0.24	0.75	1.72	-0.97
Deaver	57	13	-7.4	0.00	-0.07	0.18	0.61	-0.43
Greybull AP	56	19	-8.2	T	-0.13	0.54	1.33	-0.79
Powell Field St	60	14	-6.2	0.00	-0.11	0.40	0.78	-0.38
Worland FAA AP	54	20	-7.0	0.06	-0.11	0.90	1.27	-0.37
<b>POWDER, LITTLE MO. &amp; TONGUE DRAINAGE</b>								
Kaycee	51	16	-7.3	0.00	-0.33	0.58	2.31	-1.73
Sheridan WSO AP	52	19	-6.7	0.52	0.13	2.58	3.10	-0.52
<b>BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE</b>								
Dillinger	57	20	-3.8	0.37	0.00	2.85	2.54	0.32
Sundance	56	21	-5.5	0.94	0.45	2.97	3.41	-0.44
<b>CHEYENNE &amp; NIOBRARA DRAINAGE</b>								
Newcastle	58	21	-5.2	0.19	-0.17	2.77	2.56	0.21
Redbird	61	18	-4.9	0.21	-0.23	1.66	2.43	-0.77
<b>LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Casper AP	53	14	-6.4	0.24	-0.10	1.59	2.83	-1.24
Cheyenne AP	56	21	-7.8	0.22	-0.12	1.19	2.67	-1.48
Chugwater	55	23	-6.1	0.47	0.13	2.38	2.89	-0.51
Douglas AP	56	23	-5.5	0.06	-0.30	1.28	2.46	-1.18
Torrington AP	60	25	-5.4	0.22	-0.15	0.97	2.20	-1.23
Wheatland 4 N	58	21	-7.6	0.40	0.08	0.74	1.80	-1.06
<b>WIND RIVER DRAINAGE</b>								
Lander AP	51	18	-6.1	0.11	-0.37	1.60	3.28	-1.68
Riverton AP	50	20	-5.8	0.01	-0.22	0.51	1.44	-0.93
<b>UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE</b>								
Laramie AP	47	19	-6.1	0.31	0.07	0.84	2.18	-1.34
Rawlins AP	44	20	-7.2	0.32	0.09	0.52	2.24	-1.72
Saratoga	44	17	-9.4	0.27	0.05	2.95	2.15	0.80

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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