



Wyoming Crop Weather



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Week of April 14 – April 20, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool, windy week.

Spring wheat and corn planting began with one percent in the ground.

Irrigation water supplies mostly adequate.

Mostly dry windy conditions dominated the State last week. Most stations are still reporting below normal temperatures and precipitation was scarce across most of the State. High temperatures were mostly in the low 60's to low 80's. Low temperatures were mostly in the teens to low 20's. Only a few stations received moisture while others recorded only wind. Accumulative precipitation continues to lag well behind normal levels except Saratoga. Topsoil moisture levels slipped to 62 percent adequate or better, 4 points below last week, but still 14 points better than the five year average. Irrigation water supplies were rated 74 percent adequate or better, 19 points above last year when only 55 percent was adequate.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	10	9	3	12
Short	28	25	27	40
Adeq	61	64	68	46
Surp	1	2	2	2

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Winter wheat crop condition improved 1 point with 79 percent now rated good. One percent of the winter wheat crop had jointed by weeks end on average pace.

Barley seeding was complete on 62 percent of the expected acreage, 4 points behind last year and 7 points behind the 5-year average. Seven percent of the barley had emerged, 20 points behind both last year and average. About 22 percent of the intended oat acreage was in the ground, 8 points behind last year and 12 points behind average. Sugarbeet planting moved forward with 28 percent seeded by week's end, 10 points behind last year. One percent of the sugarbeets has emerged same as the 5-year average. Producers were busy preparing the ground for spring wheat and began planting with 1 percent complete, down from 22 percent this time last year and 32 percent normally.

Corn planting commenced with one percent of the intended acreage in the ground, just one point behind last year and the 5-year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	21	79	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	62	56	66	69
Barley Emerged	7	4	27	27
Oats Planted	22	14	30	34
Oats Emerged	2	0	10	7
Spring Wheat Planted	1	0	22	32
Spring Wheat Emerged	0	0	6	5
Winter Wheat Jntd	1	0	1	1
Sugarbeet Planted	28	12	38	46
Sugarbeet Emerged	1	0	0	1
Corn Planted	1	0	2	2

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

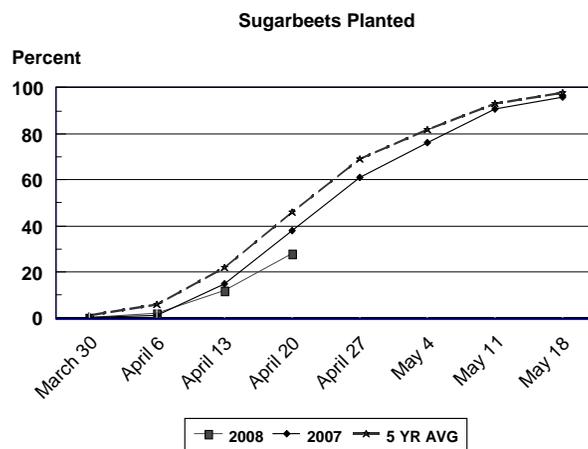
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	79	73	85	81
Farm Flock Lambed	74	70	84	93
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	70	61	82	83
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	21	14	31	24
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	42	29	49	51

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions continued to be better than the last few years with 32 percent rated good and 4 percent excellent, compared with 17 percent good and zero excellent last year. Spring calving is running close to average pace with 79 percent on the ground. Calf losses were light to mostly normal with only 2 percent reported as heavy. Seventy-four percent of the Farm flock and 21 percent of the range flock had lambed, 10 points behind last year. Seventy percent of the farm flock sheep and 42 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	0	2	14	18
Poor	27	28	26	22
Fair	37	34	43	39
Good	32	34	17	20
Excellent	4	2	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 18 averaged below normal most the State. Average temperatures ranged from 8.4 degrees below normal in Saratoga to 2.9 degrees above normal in Cody. The high temperature was 85 in Torrington while the low was 8 degrees in Saratoga. Very little precipitation was received and many stations recorded no precipitation at all. Amounts were below normal for the entire State. The most precipitation was reported in Casper with 0.34 inches, Kaycee with 0.32 inches, and Sundance with 0.29 inches.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 2008

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	61	14	-4.6	0.01	-0.32	4.23	4.58	-0.35
Afton	57	15	-6.6	0.05	-0.35	3.91	5.34	-1.43
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Big Piney AP	64	10	-1.7	0.00	-0.12	0.68	1.58	-0.90
Rock Springs AP	67	17	-1.9	0.00	-0.26	1.83	2.63	-0.80
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	75	26	2.9	0.00	-0.29	0.75	2.01	-1.26
Deaver	80	19	-3.1	0.00	-0.11	0.18	0.72	-0.54
Greybull AP	81	23	-1.1	T	-0.17	0.54	1.50	-0.96
Powell Field St	78	18	-1.9	0.00	-0.15	0.40	0.94	-0.54
Worland FAA AP	80	18	-2.2	0.00	-0.22	0.90	1.49	-0.59
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	75	22	-2.2	0.32	-0.07	0.90	2.70	-1.80
Sheridan WSO AP	80	20	-1.1	0.01	-0.43	2.59	3.54	-0.95
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	77	22	0.6	0.10	-0.32	2.95	2.96	-0.01
Sundance	74	18	1.8	0.29	-0.27	3.26	3.96	-0.70
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	80	22	-2.9	0.15	-0.26	2.92	2.97	-0.05
Redbird	81	18	1.0	0.09	-0.39	1.75	2.91	-1.16
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	74	19	-0.6	0.34	-0.05	1.93	3.22	-1.29
Cheyenne AP	76	21	0.7	0.03	-0.36	1.22	3.07	-1.85
Chugwater	76	18	-4.8	0.00	-0.40	2.38	3.29	-0.91
Douglas AP	76	18	-0.9	0.01	-0.39	1.29	2.86	-1.57
Torrington AP	85	23	-1.4	0.00	-0.40	0.97	2.60	-1.63
Wheatland 4 N	80	19	-2.2	0.00	-0.37	0.74	2.17	-1.43
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	74	21	0.3	0.00	-0.50	1.60	3.78	-2.18
Riverton AP	75	22	0.9	T	-0.27	0.51	1.70	-1.19
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	68	13	-3.3	0.06	-0.19	0.90	2.44	-1.54
Rawlins AP	67	16	-2.8	T	-0.26	0.52	2.49	-1.97
Saratoga	66	8	-8.4	0.00	-0.23	2.95	2.39	0.56

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

NOTE: We are in the process of contracting out our weather service data that is published in this weekly report. Our plans are to have a few more stations across the State than we currently have. We will also be grouping the weather stations by our Crop Reporting District instead of the current drainage groupings. Our plans are to put this in place beginning with our May 4th report. If you have any comments or concerns regarding this, please contact Steve Gunn at 307-432-5600.