



Wyoming Crop Weather



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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Welcome moisture arrives.

Planting progress behind normal.

Moisture supplies better than average.

A storm system passed through Wyoming last week bringing welcome moisture in the form of rain and snow. High temperatures ranged from the mid 50's to the low 80's. Low temperatures were mostly in the single digits to low 20's. Most stations received at least a trace of moisture last week. Accumulative precipitation remains well behind normal levels except in Saratoga. Two stations reported about half an inch of moisture. Topsoil moisture levels improved to 64 percent adequate or better, 2 points better than last week, but still 7 points below last year. Subsoil moisture levels are 47 percent adequate, compared to 44 percent a year ago and 35 percent normally.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	8	10	3	10
Short	28	28	26	38
Adeq	63	61	70	50
Surp	1	1	1	2

Subsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	23	NA	13	24
Short	30	NA	43	41
Adeq	47	NA	44	35
Surp	0	NA	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 4.8 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Small grain and row crop seeding continues to lag behind. Winter wheat crop condition held steady with 79 percent rated good. One percent of the winter wheat crop had jointed, 3 points behind average. Barley had been planted on 70 percent of the expected acreage, about 5 points behind both last year and the 5-year average. Barley emergence, at 16 percent, is 27 points behind last year and 23 points behind average. Oat plantings were 44 percent complete, 1 point behind last year and 3 points behind average. Eight percent of the oat crop had emerged, 13 points behind last year and 9 points behind the 5-year average. Sugarbeet planting made progress with 52 percent seeded by week's end, 17 points behind normal. Two percent of the sugarbeets has emerged same as last year, but 4 points behind normal. Spring wheat planting made progress with 21 percent complete, but it was still 26 points behind average. Only 3 percent of the corn was planted, 6 points behind both last year and the 5-year average.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	70	62	74	75
Barley Emerged	16	7	43	39
Oats Planted	44	22	45	47
Oats Emerged	8	2	21	17
Spring Wheat Planted	21	1	43	47
Spring Wheat Emerged	0	0	12	11
Winter Wheat Jntd	1	1	2	4
Sugarbeet Planted	52	28	61	69
Sugarbeet Emerged	2	1	2	6
Corn Planted	3	1	9	9

CROP CONDITION TABLE

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

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

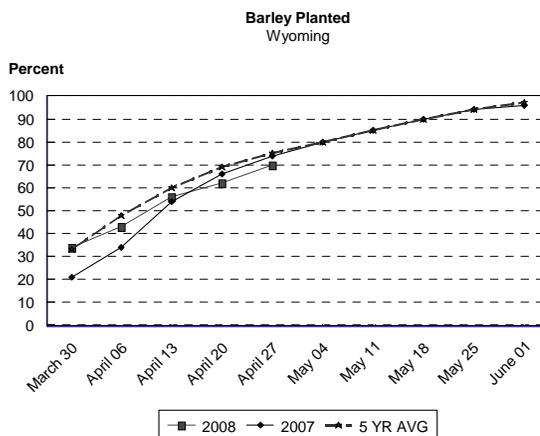
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	85	79	90	87
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	81	74	88	88
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	75	70	87	88
Range Flock Sheep Lambed	29	21	39	29
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	53	42	60	62

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions improved 1 point with 33 percent rated good and 4 percent excellent, compared with 28 percent good and zero excellent last year. Spring calving is running close to average pace with 85 percent on the ground. Calf losses were light to mostly normal with none reported as heavy. Eighty-one percent of the Farm flock and 29 percent of the range flock had lambled. Seventy-five percent of the farm flock sheep and 53 percent of the range flock sheep had been shorn, about 10 points behind the 5-year average. Lamb losses were mostly light to normal with only 5 percent reported as heavy. Stock water supplies were rated 74 percent adequate or better, 18 points above the 5-year average when only 56 percent was adequate. Over three-fourths of the livestock were reported in good to excellent condition. at this time.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	0	10	14
Poor	25	27	20	22
Fair	37	37	42	39
Good	33	32	28	24
Excellent	4	4	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 25 averaged mostly below normal across the State. Average temperatures ranged from 14.6 degrees below normal in Deaver to 1.9 degrees above normal in Torrington. The high temperature was 81 in Redbird while the low was 4 degrees in Big Piney. Most stations recorded precipitation except Wheatland and Laramie where none was recorded. Amounts were still below normal for the entire State except in Worland. The most precipitation was reported in Worland with 0.54 inches, Lander with 0.49 inches, and Afton with 0.44 inches.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 25, 2008

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION					
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Afton	55	10	-7.5	0.44	-0.04	4.35	5.82	-1.47
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Big Piney AP	60	4	-7.6	0.13	-0.01	0.81	1.72	-0.91
Rock Springs AP	64	18	-4.6	T	-0.30	1.83	2.93	-1.10
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	67	9	-8.6	0.16	-0.20	0.91	2.37	-1.46
Deaver	71	6	-14.6	0.04	-0.13	0.22	0.89	-0.67
Greybull AP	77	5	-13.7	0.10	-0.16	0.64	1.75	-1.11
Powell Field St	70	6	-12.0	0.05	-0.19	0.45	1.17	-0.72
Worland FAA AP	77	11	-12.5	0.54	0.25	1.44	1.78	-0.34
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	75	17	-8.6	0.11	-0.36	1.01	3.17	-2.16
Sheridan WSO AP	77	6	-12.1	0.25	-0.26	2.84	4.05	-1.21
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	75	14	-5.4	0.03	-0.46	2.98	3.45	-0.47
Sundance	72	18	-2.6	0.25	-0.37	3.51	4.59	-1.08
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	78	22	-0.4	0.07	-0.41	2.99	3.45	-0.46
Redbird	81	20	-2.1	0.09	-0.45	1.84	3.45	-1.61
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	74	18	-4.1	0.14	-0.32	2.07	3.68	-1.61
Cheyenne AP	71	23	0.3	T	-0.44	1.22	3.50	-2.28
Chugwater	75	18	1.1	0.01	-0.46	2.39	3.76	-1.37
Douglas AP	78	17	-2.9	0.02	-0.43	1.31	3.31	-2.00
Torrington AP	80	25	1.9	T	-0.45	0.97	3.05	-2.08
Wheatland 4 N	79	21	0.4	0.00	-0.45	0.74	2.62	-1.88
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	71	19	-3.5	0.49	-0.05	2.09	4.32	-2.23
Riverton AP	72	17	-5.1	0.26	-0.07	0.77	2.04	-1.27
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	68	15	-0.7	0.00	-0.28	0.90	2.72	-1.82
Rawlins AP	67	14	-2.9	0.03	-0.25	0.55	2.77	-2.22
Saratoga	67	15	-5.1	0.06	-0.21	3.01	2.65	0.36

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.

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

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

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.