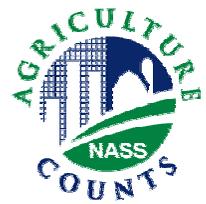




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**Week of August 18 - 24, 2008**

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cool nights with limited moisture.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture conditions lack moisture.

The nights throughout Wyoming were cool last week with warmer days. All reporting stations received below normal precipitation. High temperatures ranged from high 70's to high 90's. Low temperatures were in the high 20's to 50. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better decreased to 52 percent, 1 point below the previous week but 24 points up from the average. Irrigation water supplies were 82 percent adequate or better, 33 points above the average.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	13	7	17	27
Short	35	40	49	45
Adequate	51	52	33	28
Surplus	1	1	1	0

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** During last week, an average of 6.6 days were suitable for fieldwork. Crop progress remained behind last year. Ninety-eight percent of the winter wheat was harvested, 2 points down from previous year as well as the average. Barley was winding down in the turning color stage with 88 percent mature and 59 percent harvested, 23 points below the previous year and 20 points below the average. Spring wheat was 87 percent mature and 54 percent harvested, only 1 point below the previous year but 17 points below average. Oats were also winding down in the turning color stage with 82 percent mature and 54 percent harvested, 13 points below the average. Corn was 1 percent shy of completing the tasseled stage with 79 percent silked and 37 percent in the milk stage, 15 points below previous year and 32 points below average. Ninety-eight percent of dry beans were in the bloom stage, 76 percent were setting pods, 27 percent were turning color and 2 percent were windrowed, no change from previous year and 3 points below the average. Two-thirds of the alfalfa has been cut for the second time with 3 percent cut for the third time, 5 points below last year but only 1 point below the average. Four-fifths of all other hay has been cut, 12 points below the previous year and 10 points below the average.

**CROP CONDITION TABLE**

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Barley	0	2	10	77	11
Oats	0	1	15	82	2
Spring Wht	0	0	11	77	12
Corn	0	1	29	70	0
Sugarbeets	0	0	16	82	2
Dry Beans	0	0	1	98	1

**CROP PROGRESS TABLE**

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Turning Color	98	93	99	99
Barley Mature	88	75	96	94
Barley Harvested	59	46	82	79
Oats Turning Color	97	92	97	95
Oats Mature	82	65	87	84
Oats Harvested	54	31	70	67
Spring Wht Mature	87	72	90	90
Spring Wht Harvested	54	37	55	71
Winter Wht Harvested	98	93	100	100
Corn Tassled	99	90	98	99
Corn Silked	79	56	92	93
Corn Milked	37	10	52	69
Corn Dough	4	0	13	34
Dry Beans Bloom	98	91	100	99
Dry Beans Setting Pod	76	63	86	93
Dry Beans Turning Color	27	18	27	41
Dry Beans Windrowed	2	0	2	5
Alfalfa Hay Second Cutting	67	53	82	77
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	3	1	8	4
Other Hay Harvested	80	71	92	90

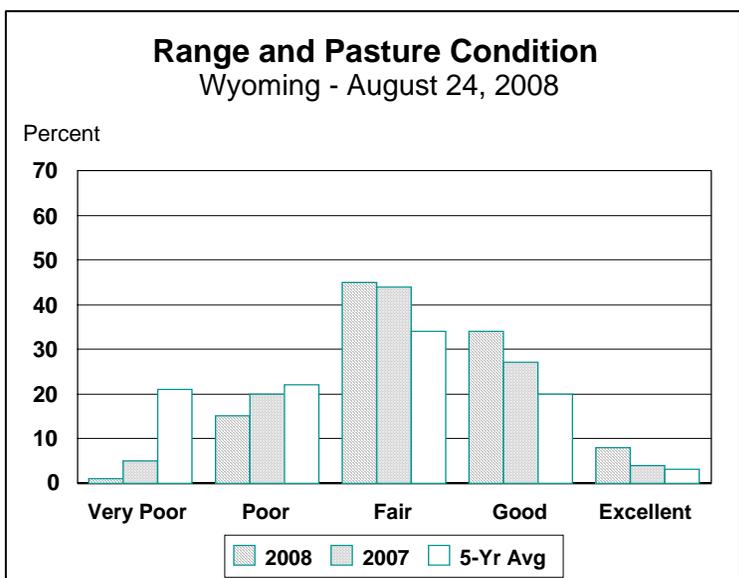
**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture conditions were reported at 42 percent good or better, which remained unchanged from last week and 19 points above the average. Livestock are fairing well. Adequate grass remains but is drying out quickly.

**RANGE AND PASTURE FEED**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	2	5	21
Poor	15	14	20	22
Fair	42	42	44	34
Good	34	34	27	20
Excellent	8	8	4	3

**IRRIGATION WATER**

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	16	23
Short	17	34	28
Adequate	82	50	49
Surplus	0	0	0



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, August 24 averaged at or below normal in 10 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Newcastle to 7 degrees above normal at Evanston and Buford. The high temperature was 99 at Lance Creek while the low was 28 degrees at Lake Yellowstone. All of the reporting stations reported below normal precipitation. Seventeen of the reporting stations received below normal accumulative moisture. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Greybull at 0.13 inches, 0.01 inches below normal.

### Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 24, 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	93	43	70	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.57	-2.27
Dubois	82	34	58	-1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.92	0.23
Greybull	97	47	73	5	0.13	0.14	-0.01	4.35	-0.97
Jeffrey City	88	42	64	0	0.00	0.14	-0.14	5.76	-2.11
Lake Yellowstone	79	28	54	2	0.00	0.42	-0.42	11.19	-2.49
Lander	93	50	70	3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	10.32	1.13
Powell	94	41	69	3	0.00	0.09	-0.09	4.21	-1.04
Riverton	92	47	70	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	6.14	0.47
Worland	97	44	70	-1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.90	-0.73
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	95	41	68	1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	12.98	2.72
Buffalo-Johnson	95	44	71	4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.47	1.55
Gillette	96	42	69	2	0.01	0.28	-0.27	13.64	1.78
Mid-West	94	41	67	-1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	12.42	2.16
Newcastle	93	43	67	-3	0.00	0.40	-0.40	18.16	6.18
Sheridan	98	39	70	2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	10.94	0.57
Sundance	93	42	71	5	0.00	0.35	-0.35	16.62	2.68
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	85	36	62	5	0.00	0.16	-0.16	3.03	-2.08
Evanston	86	50	67	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.73	-2.68
Jackson Hole	84	30	60	2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	11.95	-2.06
Thayne	84	33	59	0	0.00	0.28	-0.28	5.77	-6.12
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	93	42	68	1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	9.44	0.11
Laramie	84	38	62	2	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.06	-1.21
Rawlins	89	43	67	2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.11	-2.65
Rock Springs	87	49	68	5	0.00	0.13	-0.13	4.18	-2.18
Shirley Basin	83	34	59	3	0.00	0.19	-0.19	7.66	0.16
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	85	45	64	7	0.03	0.35	-0.32	14.44	3.32
Cheyenne	85	47	64	-1	0.10	0.41	-0.31	12.08	0.21
Chugwater	91	46	66	1	0.01	0.35	-0.34	12.79	0.88
Douglas	97	48	70	3	0.00	0.17	-0.17	8.52	-0.91
Lance Creek	99	44	71	2	0.04	0.28	-0.24	9.67	-0.55
Old Fort Laramie	94	43	67	-2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	9.90	-0.35
Torrington	94	46	69	0	0.01	0.24	-0.23	10.23	-0.22
Wheatland	92	47	69	-2	0.04	0.28	-0.24	13.94	4.08

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955