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Week of September 29 – October 5, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Limited moisture.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture lacks moisture.

Last week was warm with cool nights and some precipitation. High temperatures ranged from high 60's to mid 80's. Low temperatures were in the low 20's to the low 40's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better increased to 64 percent, 3 points above the previous week and 26 points up from the average.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	3	28	22
Short	33	36	37	40
Adequate	63	60	35	37
Surplus	1	1	0	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: During last week an average of 6.7 days were suitable for fieldwork. Crop conditions remained steady and crop progress below the average. Ninety-four percent of winter wheat was emerged, 1 point below the previous year but 5 points above the average. Dry beans were windrowed at 89 percent with 64 percent combined, 10 points below 2007 and 6 points below the average. Corn was concluding the dough stage with 81 percent dented and 45 percent mature, 27 points below 2007 and 12 points below the 5-year average. The corn was just beginning the harvested stage at 1 percent, 1 point below the previous year and 4 points below the average. Seven-eighths of corn has been harvested for silage, 4 points below the previous year and 6 points below the average. Sugarbeets were beginning the harvested stage at 6 percent, 1 point above 2007 but 3 points below the 5-year average. Fifty-seven percent of alfalfa has been cut for the third time, 29 points below last year and 17 points below the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	26	74	0
Corn	0	1	24	75	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	17	82	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

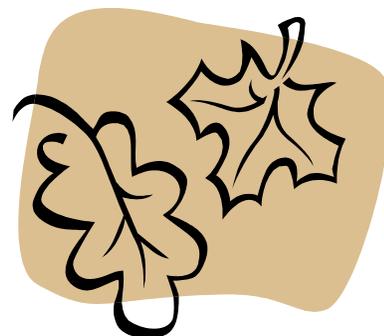
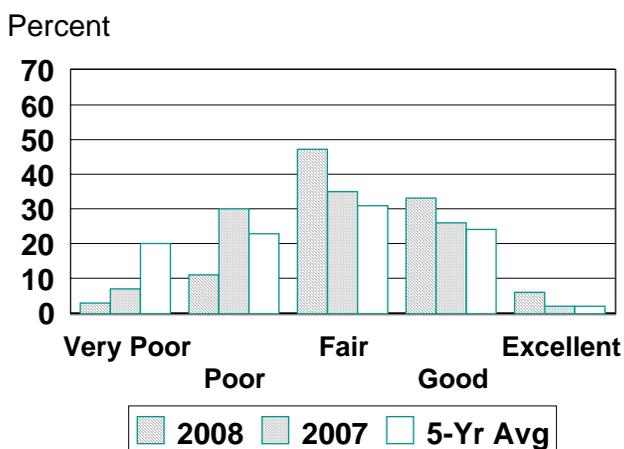
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Emerged	94	74	95	89
Sugarbeet Harvested	6	0	5	9
Corn Dough	98	92	97	99
Corn Dent	81	73	90	89
Corn Mature	45	40	72	57
Corn Harvested	1	0	2	5
Corn Silage	87	75	91	93
Dry Beans Windrowed	89	73	96	90
Dry Beans Combined	64	50	74	70
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	57	40	86	74

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock was rated at 83 percent good or better. Forty-nine percent of cattle were moved from summer pastures as well as half of sheep. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 39 percent good or better, unchanged from last week but 13 points above the average. Hay and roughage supplies were reported at 99 percent adequate or better.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	2	7	20
Poor	11	12	30	23
Fair	47	47	35	31
Good	33	33	26	24
Excellent	6	6	2	2

Range and Pasture Condition
Wyoming - October 5, 2008



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, October 6 averaged above normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Newcastle and Wheatland to 12 degrees above normal at Greybull, Buffalo-Johnson, Evanston and Buford. The high temperature was 85 at Torrington while the low was 22 degrees at Shirley Basin. Three-fourths of the reporting stations reported at or below normal precipitation. The cumulative precipitation was low in 21 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Old Fort Laramie at 0.45 inches, 0.24 inches above normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 5, 2008 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	79	39	61	9	0.20	0.23	-0.03	8.00	-1.35
Dubois	78	29	51	6	0.06	0.22	-0.16	8.06	-0.19
Greybull	82	39	62	12	0.24	0.15	0.09	5.81	-0.58
Jeffrey City	79	31	54	7	0.07	0.21	-0.14	6.93	-2.03
Lake Yellowstone	69	27	47	8	0.19	0.31	-0.12	11.82	-4.07
Lander	80	42	62	10	0.04	0.34	-0.30	11.22	0.48
Powell	79	33	57	8	0.23	0.14	0.09	5.76	-0.43
Riverton	78	39	60	10	0.02	0.17	-0.15	6.84	0.01
Worland	83	37	60	7	0.08	0.21	-0.13	6.49	-0.29
District 2									
Big Horn	80	34	58	8	0.36	0.35	0.01	15.45	3.32
Buffalo-Johnson	79	40	62	12	0.20	0.28	-0.08	13.13	1.41
Gillette	81	32	59	9	0.23	0.37	-0.14	14.93	1.11
Mid-West	82	33	58	6	0.00	0.27	-0.27	13.83	2.36
Newcastle	76	33	56	4	0.10	0.28	-0.18	19.75	6.07
Sheridan	82	33	59	8	0.20	0.35	-0.15	12.70	0.45
Sundance	77	35	57	6	0.04	0.35	-0.31	18.03	2.18
District 3									
Big Piney	76	30	52	10	0.15	0.14	0.01	4.42	-1.81
Evanston	77	39	58	12	0.15	0.28	-0.13	6.49	-2.62
Jackson Hole	75	28	52	8	0.28	0.27	0.01	12.62	-3.24
Thayne	80	30	55	10	0.41	0.35	0.06	7.57	-6.49
District 4									
Casper	82	31	59	9	0.01	0.28	-0.27	10.20	-0.49
Laramie	75	32	53	7	0.09	0.21	-0.12	8.47	-1.18
Rawlins	77	34	56	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.76	-2.16
Rock Springs	77	41	59	11	0.40	0.21	0.19	5.93	-1.60
Shirley Basin	72	22	47	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.60	-0.18
District 5									
Buford	77	35	56	12	0.02	0.26	-0.24	16.11	2.98
Cheyenne	78	35	57	8	0.00	0.23	-0.23	13.20	-0.59
Chugwater	80	35	58	8	0.02	0.22	-0.20	14.36	0.73
Douglas	82	35	60	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	9.87	-0.99
Lance Creek	83	34	59	7	0.14	0.27	-0.13	10.78	-0.95
Old Fort Laramie	82	29	56	5	0.45	0.21	0.24	11.44	-0.30
Torrington	85	37	60	8	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.85	-0.35
Wheatland	80	34	58	4	0.05	0.26	-0.21	14.19	2.60

^{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 or call 1-888-798-9955