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Week of October 6 – 12, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Heavy wet snow and strong wind.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture lacks moisture.

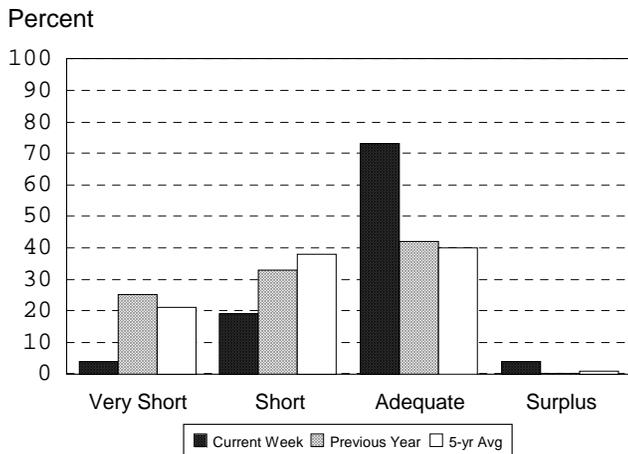
Last week was much cooler with snow in some areas. High temperatures ranged from low 50's to mid 70's. Low temperatures were in the low 10's to 30. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better increased to 77 percent, 13 points above the previous week and 36 points up from the average. Subsoil moisture was rated at 57 percent adequate or better, 33 points above the 5-year average.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	3	25	21
Short	19	33	33	38
Adequate	73	63	42	40
Surplus	4	1	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	15	N/A	39	35
Short	28	N/A	38	41
Adequate	57	N/A	23	24
Surplus	0	N/A	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Emerged	98	94	97	95
Corn Dent	87	81	93	94
Corn Mature	53	45	83	73
Corn Silage Harvested	95	87	95	97
Dry Beans Windrowed	93	89	99	95
Dry Beans Combined	70	64	82	79
Sugarbeets Harvested	14	6	19	26
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	61	57	91	81

Topsoil Moisture
October 12, 2008



STOCK WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	2	15	20
Short	12	32	32
Adequate	82	52	47
Surplus	4	1	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: During last week an average of 4.4 days were suitable for fieldwork. The weather has slowed bean, sugarbeet and alfalfa harvest in some areas. Winter wheat was winding down in an emerged stage with 98 percent, 1 point above 2007 and 3 points above the average. Dry beans were windrowed at 93 percent with 70 percent combined, 12 points below 2007 and 9 points below the average. Eighty-seven percent of corn was in the dented stage with 53 percent mature and 3 percent harvested, 6 points below the previous year and 17 points below the average. Ninety-five percent of corn has been harvested for silage, unchanged from the previous year and 2 points below the average. Sugarbeets were harvested at 14 percent, 5 points below 2007 and 12 points below the 5-year average. Sixty-one percent of alfalfa has been cut for the third time, 30 points below last year and 20 points below the average.

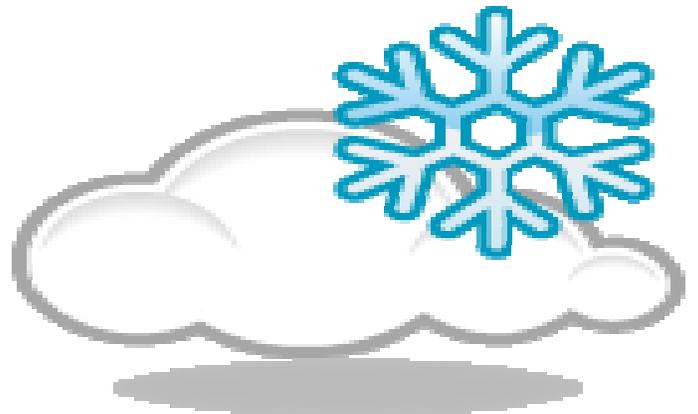
CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	0	30	70	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	16	80	3
Winter Wht	0	0	25	75	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Cattle gained well for the year. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 42 percent good or better, up 3 points from last week and 16 points above the average. Stock water supplies were reported at 86 percent adequate or better, 38 points above the average.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	3	8	20
Poor	11	11	29	23
Fair	44	47	36	31
Good	36	33	25	24
Excellent	6	6	2	2



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, October 12 averaged below normal in all but one of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Laramie to 11 degrees below normal at Cody. The high temperature was 75 at Torrington while the low was 14 degrees at Shirley Basin. Only two of the reporting stations reported below normal precipitation. The cumulative precipitation was low in 17 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Lander at 1.91 inches, 1.56 inches above normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 12, 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	70	25	41	-11	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.00	-1.56
Dubois	66	18	38	-7	0.56	0.14	0.42	8.62	0.23
Greybull	69	29	44	-5	0.61	0.14	0.47	6.42	-0.11
Jeffrey City	66	24	43	-4	1.06	0.21	0.85	7.99	-1.18
Lake Yellowstone	52	17	31	-7	0.37	0.28	0.09	12.19	-3.98
Lander	70	25	45	-6	1.91	0.35	1.56	13.13	2.04
Powell	69	25	40	-7	0.37	0.14	0.23	6.13	-0.20
Riverton	69	25	44	-6	0.73	0.14	0.59	7.57	0.60
Worland	71	28	43	-8	0.66	0.19	0.47	7.15	0.18
District 2									
Big Horn	70	27	41	-8	1.21	0.35	0.86	16.66	4.18
Buffalo-Johnson	70	26	41	-9	0.97	0.28	0.69	14.10	2.10
Gillette	71	28	42	-8	1.28	0.42	0.86	16.21	1.97
Mid-West	72	25	42	-9	0.90	0.28	0.62	14.73	2.98
Newcastle	70	30	43	-8	1.19	0.33	0.86	20.94	6.93
Sheridan	74	26	43	-7	1.28	0.32	0.96	13.98	1.41
Sundance	64	29	43	-7	1.16	0.36	0.80	19.39	3.18
District 3									
Big Piney	63	24	40	-2	0.57	0.14	0.43	4.99	-1.38
Evanston	64	22	42	-4	0.31	0.28	0.03	6.80	-2.59
Jackson Hole	63	16	38	-6	1.81	0.23	1.58	14.43	-1.66
Thayne	61	15	39	-5	1.06	0.35	0.71	8.63	-5.78
District 4									
Casper	73	25	43	-6	1.11	0.28	0.83	11.31	0.34
Laramie	70	29	46	2	0.06	0.21	-0.15	8.53	-1.33
Rawlins	70	26	45	-4	0.44	0.21	0.23	6.20	-1.93
Rock Springs	64	22	42	-6	0.28	0.21	0.07	6.21	-1.53
Shirley Basin	61	14	38	-3	0.24	0.20	0.04	8.84	-0.14
District 5									
Buford	71	26	43	-1	0.78	0.21	0.57	16.89	3.55
Cheyenne	73	30	46	-3	0.47	0.20	0.27	13.67	-0.32
Chugwater	73	27	45	-4	0.48	0.21	0.27	14.84	1.00
Douglas	73	26	45	-5	0.39	0.21	0.18	10.26	-0.81
Lance Creek	74	30	45	-7	0.61	0.23	0.38	11.39	-0.57
Old Fort Laramie	73	26	46	-4	0.52	0.21	0.31	11.96	0.01
Torrington	75	28	49	-2	0.39	0.21	0.18	12.24	-0.17
Wheatland	74	26	47	-6	0.82	0.21	0.61	15.01	3.21

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