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Week of October 13 – 19, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Limited precipitation with cool nights.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture lacks moisture.

Last week was cool with snow in some areas. High temperatures ranged from low 60's to high 70's. Low temperatures were in the low 10's to mid 20's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better decreased to 75 percent, 2 points below the previous week and 34 points up from the average.

FIELD CROP REPORT: During last week an average of 4.5 days were suitable for fieldwork. The weather has slowed the crop progress, especially the dry beans. Dry beans remained windrowed at 93 percent with 72 percent combined, 16 points below 2007 and 14 points below the average. Eighty-eight percent of corn was in the dented stage with 59 percent mature and 3 percent harvested, 17 points below the previous year and 26 points below the average. Sugarbeets were harvested at 24 percent, 19 points below 2007 and 24 points below the 5-year average. Sixty-six percent of alfalfa has been cut for the third time, 30 points below last year and 22 points below the average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	4	4	21	21
Short	21	19	28	38
Adequate	70	73	50	40
Surplus	5	4	1	1

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	25	74	1
Corn	0	0	30	70	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	16	80	3

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

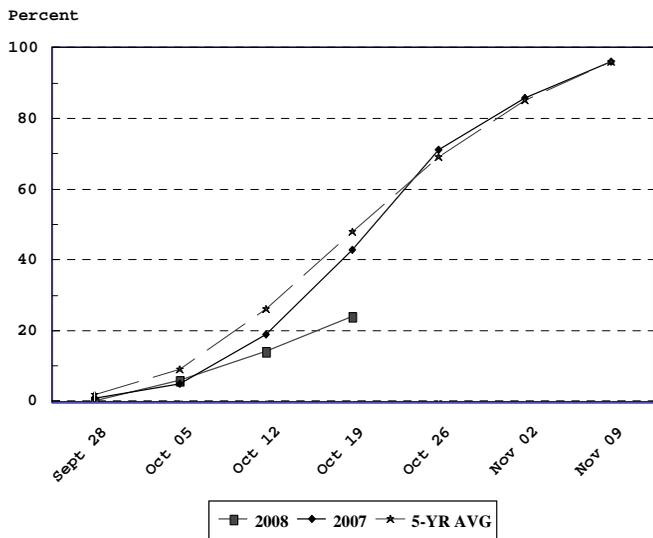
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Sugarbeet Harvested	24	14	43	48
Corn Dent	88	87	97	97
Corn Mature	59	53	90	82
Corn Harvested	3	3	20	29
Dry Beans Windrowed	93	93	100	97
Dry Beans Combined	72	70	88	86
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	66	61	96	88

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: All livestock was rated at least 80 percent good or better. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 44 percent good or better, up 2 points from last week and 19 points above the average. Hay and roughage supplies were at 93 percent adequate or better.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	3	7	20
Poor	11	11	27	22
Fair	42	44	38	33
Good	38	36	26	23
Excellent	6	6	2	2

Sugarbeets Harvested



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, October 19 averaged below normal in 30 of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Buford to 10 degrees below normal at Lander. The high temperature was 79 at Torrington while the low was 11 degrees at Dubois, Lander, and Riverton. Only three of the reporting stations reported above normal precipitation. The cumulative precipitation was low in 17 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Shirley Basin at 0.37 inches, 0.23 inches above normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 19, 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	72	19	44	-5	0.06	0.21	-0.15	8.06	-1.71
Dubois	69	11	38	-4	0.08	0.14	-0.06	8.70	0.17
Greybull	70	25	43	-3	0.03	0.14	-0.11	6.45	-0.22
Jeffrey City	71	15	41	-3	0.10	0.17	-0.07	8.09	-1.25
Lake Yellowstone	57	15	33	-2	0.10	0.28	-0.18	12.29	-4.16
Lander	64	11	37	-10	0.14	0.29	-0.15	13.27	1.89
Powell	71	19	40	-5	0.03	0.14	-0.11	6.16	-0.31
Riverton	65	11	39	-8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	7.57	0.46
Worland	74	14	40	-8	0.29	0.14	0.15	7.44	0.33
District 2									
Big Horn	76	20	42	-4	0.04	0.32	-0.28	16.70	3.90
Buffalo-Johnson	74	19	44	-2	0.01	0.22	-0.21	14.11	1.89
Gillette	76	13	42	-5	0.02	0.36	-0.34	16.23	1.63
Mid-West	72	16	41	-7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	14.73	2.70
Newcastle	75	22	42	-6	0.13	0.31	-0.18	21.07	6.75
Sheridan	78	20	44	-2	0.05	0.28	-0.23	14.03	1.18
Sundance	78	19	44	-2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	18.92	2.36
District 3									
Big Piney	64	11	35	-4	0.02	0.14	-0.12	5.01	-1.50
Evanston	66	18	42	0	0.00	0.28	-0.28	6.80	-2.87
Jackson Hole	66	19	38	-3	0.05	0.28	-0.23	14.48	-1.89
Thayne	65	15	37	-4	0.07	0.34	-0.27	8.70	-6.05
District 4									
Casper	73	21	43	-3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.31	0.06
Laramie	69	14	41	-2	0.02	0.19	-0.17	8.55	-1.50
Rawlins	68	17	41	-5	0.24	0.21	0.03	6.44	-1.90
Rock Springs	67	20	41	-3	0.07	0.21	-0.14	6.28	-1.67
Shirley Basin	63	13	32	-6	0.37	0.14	0.23	9.21	0.09
District 5									
Buford	69	19	42	2	0.04	0.20	-0.16	16.93	3.39
Cheyenne	74	25	45	0	0.01	0.14	-0.13	13.68	-0.45
Chugwater	74	22	44	-3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	14.84	0.79
Douglas	77	19	43	-3	0.00	0.16	-0.16	10.26	-0.97
Lance Creek	76	20	43	-5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.39	-0.78
Old Fort Laramie	76	19	42	-5	0.00	0.18	-0.18	11.96	-0.17
Torrington	79	21	46	-2	0.01	0.21	-0.20	12.25	-0.37
Wheatland	77	22	49	-1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	15.01	3.00

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