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Wyoming Crop Weather

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Week of October 27 – November 2, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm weather.

Limited moisture.

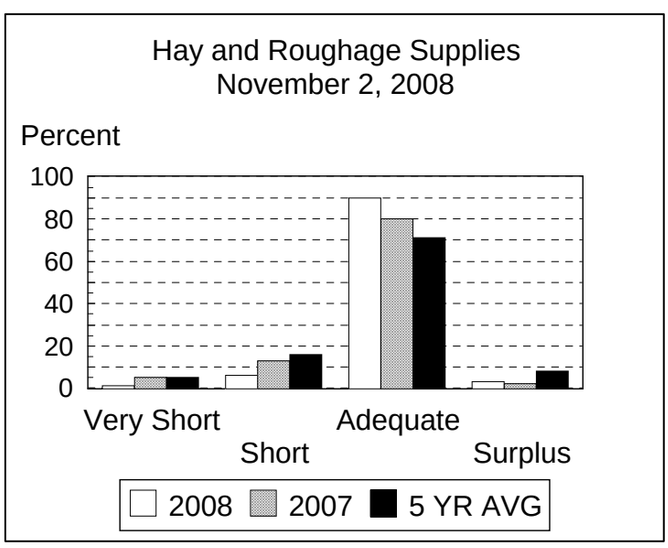
Range and pasture lacks moisture.

Wyoming continues to experience unseasonably warm weather with limited precipitation last week. High temperatures ranged from high 50's to high 70's. Low temperatures were from single digits to low 30's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better decreased to 72 percent, 3 points below the previous week but 22 points up from the average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	5	5	19	17
Short	23	20	28	33
Adequate	70	72	52	48
Surplus	2	3	1	2

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Corn Dent	96	91	100	100
Corn Mature	73	64	98	97
Corn Harvested	6	5	43	51
Dry Beans Combined	87	80	99	95
Sugarbeets Harvested	74	54	86	85
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	71	68	100	97



HAY SUPPLY

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	5	5
Short	6	13	16
Adequate	90	80	71
Surplus	3	2	8

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.5 days were suitable for fieldwork last week. Corn harvest remained far behind last year or the average. Corn in the dent stage was at 96 percent with 73 percent mature and only 6 percent harvested. Harvest was 37 points below the previous year and 45 points below the average. Eighty-seven percent of dry beans were combined, 12 points below 2007 and 8 points below the average. Seventy-four percent of sugarbeets were harvested, 11 points below 2007 and 7 points below the 5-year average. Alfalfa cut for the third time was rated at 71 percent, 29 points below last year and 26 points below the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	0	27	73	0
Winter Wht	0	0	32	68	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock condition was rated at 76 percent good or better. Range and pasture conditions were reported at 42 percent good or better, down 2 points from last week. Hay and roughage supplies were holding up well at 93 percent adequate or better.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	5	5	N/A	N/A
Poor	10	10	N/A	N/A
Fair	43	41	N/A	N/A
Good	36	38	N/A	N/A
Excellent	6	6	N/A	N/A

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, November 2 averaged above normal at all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Old Fort Laramie to 17 degrees above normal at Evanston. The high temperature was 78 at Old Fort Laramie, Torrington and Wheatland while the low was 6 degrees at Shirley Basin. Only one of the reporting stations reported above normal precipitation. The cumulative precipitation was low in 55 percent of the reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Thayne at 0.22 inches, 0.12 inches below normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, November 2, 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	19	50	10	0.00	0.14	-0.14	8.07	-2.02
Dubois	73	20	44	10	0.19	0.12	0.07	9.15	0.39
Greybull	67	20	45	8	0.00	0.10	-0.10	6.46	-0.43
Jeffrey City	69	15	44	9	0.00	0.17	-0.17	8.13	-1.52
Lake Yellowstone	56	18	39	11	0.13	0.35	-0.22	12.57	-4.53
Lander	66	24	48	10	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.39	1.45
Powell	67	19	42	6	0.00	0.07	-0.07	6.17	-0.47
Riverton	65	23	45	7	0.00	0.10	-0.10	7.59	0.27
Worland	69	21	47	7	0.00	0.14	-0.14	7.44	0.05
District 2									
Big Horn	74	16	49	11	0.00	0.27	-0.27	16.72	3.37
Buffalo-Johnson	73	20	52	14	0.00	0.15	-0.15	14.11	1.53
Gillette	73	12	50	12	0.00	0.29	-0.29	16.44	1.20
Mid-West	72	17	47	8	0.00	0.21	-0.21	14.73	2.27
Newcastle	75	16	49	10	0.00	0.25	-0.25	21.11	6.26
Sheridan	75	14	48	10	0.00	0.21	-0.21	14.03	0.69
Sundance	73	16	51	13	0.00	0.32	-0.32	19.09	1.86
District 3									
Big Piney	67	17	42	12	0.00	0.11	-0.11	5.09	-1.67
Evanston	68	34	52	17	0.04	0.21	-0.17	6.84	-3.27
Jackson Hole	61	18	41	9	0.00	0.39	-0.39	14.48	-2.59
Thayne	64	21	43	10	0.22	0.34	-0.12	8.96	-6.43
District 4									
Casper	71	17	48	10	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.77	0.09
Laramie	68	17	46	11	0.00	0.17	-0.17	8.57	-1.79
Rawlins	68	16	47	9	0.00	0.17	-0.17	6.49	-2.20
Rock Springs	68	25	50	14	0.00	0.17	-0.17	6.28	-2.03
Shirley Basin	63	6	35	6	0.00	0.14	-0.14	9.22	-0.18
District 5									
Buford	71	26	50	16	0.00	0.19	-0.19	17.15	3.28
Cheyenne	73	20	50	11	0.00	0.14	-0.14	13.76	-0.65
Chugwater	77	16	47	9	0.00	0.19	-0.19	14.94	0.49
Douglas	76	14	47	9	0.00	0.18	-0.18	10.61	-0.94
Lance Creek	76	14	46	7	0.00	0.20	-0.20	11.43	-1.15
Old Fort Laramie	78	12	44	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	11.92	-0.49
Torrington	78	16	50	10	0.00	0.14	-0.14	12.27	-0.70
Wheatland	78	12	52	9	0.00	0.14	-0.14	15.01	2.71

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