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## Month of January 2009

### AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: High winds.

Snow in localized areas.

Select producers were short on feed.

Last month Wyoming experienced some cold nights and strong winds. High temperatures ranged from low 40's to high 60's. Low temperatures ranged from 7 below to 37 below. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better were reported at 74 percent, 13 points up from previous month, 23 points up from previous year and 29 points up from the average. Subsoil moisture rated adequate or better was reported at 55 percent, 1 point down from last month, 29 points above last year and 26 points above the 5-year average.

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	8	15	16
Short	18	34	39
Adequate	74	50	42
Surplus	0	1	3
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	21	39	31
Short	24	35	40
Adequate	55	25	28
Surplus	0	1	1

### STOCK WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	7	15
Short	15	24	27
Adequate	84	69	58
Surplus	0	0	0

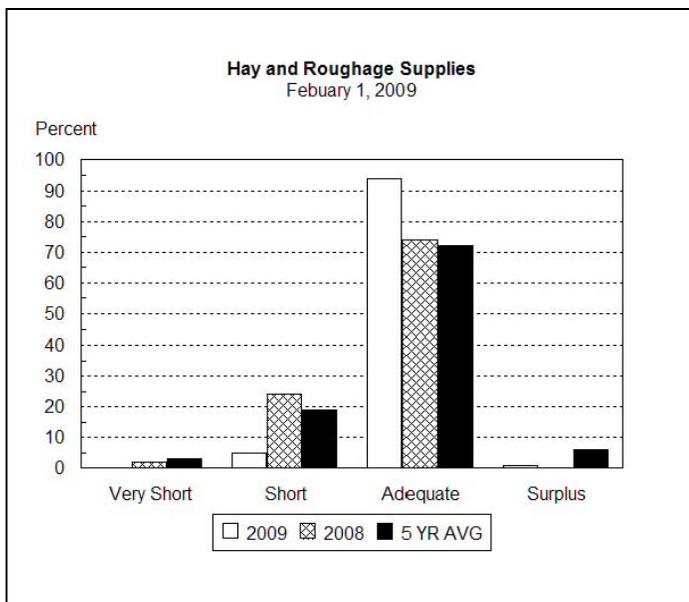
**FIELD CROP REPORT:** The average depth of snow was 3 inches. The condition of the winter wheat came in at 29 percent fair and 71 percent good. Twenty-nine percent reported no winter wheat wind damage with 63 percent light and 8 percent moderate. Eighty-six percent reported no winter wheat freeze damage with 6 percent light damage and 8 percent moderate damage. Wyoming has received some snow; however, high winds blew the snow off the fields into drifts. More snow was needed in Wyoming.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	29	71	0

### HAY SUPPLY

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	2	3
Short	5	24	19
Adequate	94	74	72
Surplus	1	0	0



**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Range producers in some areas were short on feed and had to haul some water for the livestock. The hay for sale was available but the prices were high. Thus, some producers were selling down herds in order to make it until the spring without having to pay the high hay prices. Only 5 percent of spring calves were born and only 3 percent of ewes lambed. Sheep shorn was reported at 7 percent. The calf losses came in at 42 percent light and 58 percent normal. Lamb losses were observed at 15 percent light and 85 percent normal. Cattle and sheep conditions were good or better at 80 and 83 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were at 1 percent very short, 15 percent short and 84 percent adequate. Hay and roughage supplies were holding up well at 5 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	5	4	4
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	3	10	9
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	7	11	12

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the month of January averaged above normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Lake Yellowstone and Shirley Basin to 10 degrees above normal at Lander and Big Piney. The high temperature was 68 at Torrington while the low was 37 degrees below zero at Shirley Basin. The largest total precipitation was reported at 2.01 inches in Jackson Hole, however, it was still 0.55 inches below normal.

### Weather Data for the Month of January 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

	Temperatures				Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN
<b>District 1</b>						
Cody	61	-18	29	5	0.02	-0.44
Dubois	60	-14	25	4	0.40	0.12
Greybull	45	-35	17	3	0.21	-0.26
Jeffrey City	52	-29	22	4	0.61	0.20
Lake Yellowstone	42	-14	20	2	0.89	0.01
Lander	60	-11	29	10	0.24	-0.28
Powell	57	-25	21	3	0.19	-0.01
Riverton	57	-16	27	7	0.19	0.00
Worland	54	-23	22	5	0.01	-0.27
<b>District 2</b>						
Big Horn	67	-14	28	7	1.32	0.55
Buffalo-Johnson	60	-12	28	9	0.55	0.10
Gillette	54	-14	26	7	0.63	0.09
Mid-West	57	-15	25	4	0.33	-0.21
Newcastle	57	-16	24	3	1.06	0.62
Sheridan	61	-16	27	7	1.10	0.59
Sundance	53	-7	25	7	0.85	0.16
<b>District 3</b>						
Big Piney	42	-29	20	10	0.06	-0.39
Evanston	43	-11	24	5	0.54	-0.14
Jackson Hole	41	-26	17	5	2.01	-0.55
Thayne	41	-22	17	3	0.14	-1.37
<b>District 4</b>						
Casper	57	-21	27	6	1.08	0.50
Laramie	54	-20	27	7	0.31	-0.07
Rawlins	49	-22	25	3	0.46	-0.10
Rock Springs	48	-11	26	8	0.32	-0.29
Shirley Basin	45	-37	13	2	1.10	0.73
<b>District 5</b>						
Buford	52	-15	26	4	0.92	0.35
Cheyenne	61	-19	31	6	0.60	0.15
Chugwater	62	-19	28	3	0.93	0.34
Douglas	64	-33	28	5	0.65	0.27
Lance Creek	63	-26	26	4	0.60	0.36
Old Fort Laramie	65	-27	27	3	0.40	0.17
Torrington	68	-17	32	8	0.29	-0.02
Wheatland	66	-29	32	4	1.12	0.90

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