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Week of March 30 – April 5, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Blizzard.

Planting progress slow.

Lambing and calving continue.

Wyoming experienced blizzard conditions with heavy, wet snow in localized areas. Recent precipitation helped replenish irrigation supplies. Calving has been tough for some livestock producers without sheds. High temperatures ranged from high 30's to high 60's. Low temperatures ranged from 7 below to 19 above. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better were reported at 81 percent, 8 points up from the previous week, 23 points up from previous year and 27 points up from the average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	4	7	11	14
Short	15	20	31	32
Adequate	68	69	56	51
Surplus	13	4	2	3

FIELD CROP REPORT: Total number of days suitable for field work was 2. Barley was reported at 23 percent planted and only 2 percent emerged, 1 point above 2008 and 2 points below the average. Oats came in at 2 percent planted, 1 point below 2008 and 7 points below the average. The condition of the winter wheat came in at 58 percent good or better. Irrigation water supplies came in at 96 percent good or better.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	23	22	42	47
Barley Emerged	2	2	1	3
Oats Planted	2	0	3	9

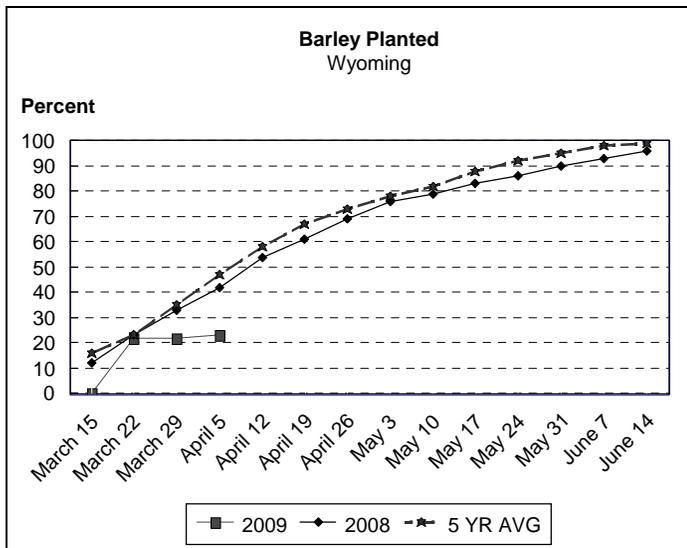
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Fifty-six percent of spring calves were born, 8 points up from last week. Fifty-nine percent of farm flock ewes had lambed, 6 points below the average. Farm flock sheep shorn was reported at 58 percent, which increased by 8 points from last year. Lambing among range flock ewes was reported at 20 percent, up 9 points from the 5-year average. Range flock sheep shorn was set at 41 percent, up 16 points from the average. The calf losses came in at 35 percent light, 58 percent normal and 7 percent heavy. Lamb losses were observed at 49 percent light, 47 percent normal and 4 percent heavy. Range and pasture condition were at 38 percent good or better, down 1 point from the previous week. Spring grazing prospects were 65 percent good or better.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	56	48	60	62
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	59	47	60	65
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	58	51	50	64
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	20	14	6	11
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	41	35	16	25

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	24	2	16
Poor	13	11	27	20
Fair	47	48	34	39
Good	29	38	36	24
Excellent	9	1	1	1



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending April 5 averaged below normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Big Piney to 15 degrees below normal at Gillette. The high temperature was 69 at Torrington while the low was 7 degrees below zero at Shirley Basin. Twenty-seven percent of the reporting stations had below normal weekly precipitation. Cumulative precipitation was below normal in 16 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest precipitation for the week was 2.1 inches reported at Big Horn, 1.77 above normal precipitation.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, March 30, 2009 ^{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	50	16	31	-11	0.00	0.19	-0.19	0.07	-1.31
Dubois	43	14	28	-6	0.26	0.19	0.07	1.58	0.46
Greybull	54	19	35	-7	0.06	0.10	-0.04	0.36	-0.86
Jeffrey City	46	6	25	-12	0.61	0.27	0.34	3.15	1.33
Lake Yellowstone	42	11	27	-7	0.83	0.21	0.62	3.76	1.01
Lander	49	15	31	-11	0.67	0.40	0.27	2.84	0.24
Powell	51	11	30	-10	0.00	0.07	-0.07	0.43	-0.23
Riverton	52	7	31	-10	0.21	0.14	0.07	1.09	0.25
Worland	54	13	33	-11	0.39	0.14	0.25	0.81	-0.22
District 2									
Big Horn	46	6	28	-13	2.10	0.33	1.77	5.17	2.58
Buffalo-Johnson	48	9	28	-13	0.16	0.27	-0.11	1.73	-0.04
Gillette	54	8	26	-15	0.22	0.38	-0.16	1.98	-0.37
Mid-West	52	8	27	-14	0.32	0.29	0.03	3.12	0.81
Newcastle	61	11	31	-10	0.19	0.28	-0.09	2.48	0.49
Sheridan	47	3	28	-12	1.06	0.28	0.78	3.24	1.29
Sundance	50	6	29	-10	0.41	0.39	0.02	1.95	-0.68
District 3									
Big Piney	42	9	27	-5	0.10	0.13	-0.03	0.73	-0.74
Evanston	47	13	30	-7	0.48	0.21	0.27	2.01	-0.33
Jackson Hole	37	7	25	-6	0.92	0.31	0.61	4.69	-1.85
Thayne	39	9	26	-7	0.00	0.35	-0.35	0.72	-3.67
District 4									
Casper	55	8	29	-11	0.36	0.27	0.09	2.68	0.36
Laramie	56	4	26	-9	0.41	0.21	0.20	0.82	-0.96
Rawlins	51	2	30	-9	0.32	0.21	0.11	1.07	-0.81
Rock Springs	48	14	27	-10	0.38	0.21	0.17	1.45	-0.61
Shirley Basin	47	-7	16	-14	0.80	0.14	0.66	3.25	1.89
District 5									
Buford	55	8	25	-8	1.50	0.35	1.15	4.12	1.60
Cheyenne	58	14	31	-8	0.27	0.28	-0.01	1.34	-0.80
Chugwater	63	16	31	-8	1.41	0.28	1.13	3.42	1.06
Douglas	60	13	31	-10	0.57	0.28	0.29	2.44	0.66
Lance Creek	63	14	30	-11	0.78	0.28	0.50	2.61	1.01
Old Fort Laramie	67	15	32	-10	0.35	0.30	0.05	1.53	0.12
Torrington	69	19	34	-9	0.54	0.27	0.27	1.37	-0.24
Wheatland	52	12	32	-12	0.60	0.22	0.38	2.72	1.41

^{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