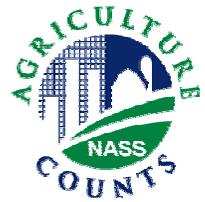




United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Wyoming Crop Weather



Wyoming Field Office
PO Box 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003
307-432-5600 • FAX 307-432-5598 • www.nass.usda.gov/wy

Released: Monday, April 13, 2009

Week of April 6 – April 12, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures.

Crop progress behind normal.

Lambing and calving continue.

Producers were waiting for the land to dry. Some ground has been fertilized and the moisture was aiding the crop progress. High temperatures ranged from 50 to high 60's. Low temperatures ranged from 15 below to 27 above. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better were reported at 87 percent, 6 points up from the previous week, 22 points up from previous year and 31 points up from the average. Subsoil moisture was rated at 58 percent adequate or better, 10 points up from 2008 and 19 points up from the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Sixty-six percent of spring calves were born, 10 points up from last week. Sixty-six percent of farm flock ewes had lambed, 8 points below the average. Farm flock sheep shorn was reported at 63 percent, which increased by 3 points from last year. Lambing among range flock ewes was reported at 21 percent, up 8 points from last year. Range flock sheep shorn was set at 41 percent, unchanged from previous week but up 14 points from the previous year. The calf losses came in at 26 percent light, 66 percent normal and 8 percent heavy. Lamb losses were observed at 27 percent light, 67 percent normal and 6 percent heavy. Range and pasture condition were at 46 percent good or better, up 10 points from the previous year. Livestock condition was observed at 77 percent good or better.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	66	56	71	72
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	66	59	69	74
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	63	58	60	71
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	21	20	13	17
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	41	41	27	35

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
STOCK WATER			
Very Short	0	3	10
Short	7	21	25
Adequate	87	74	63
Surplus	6	2	2

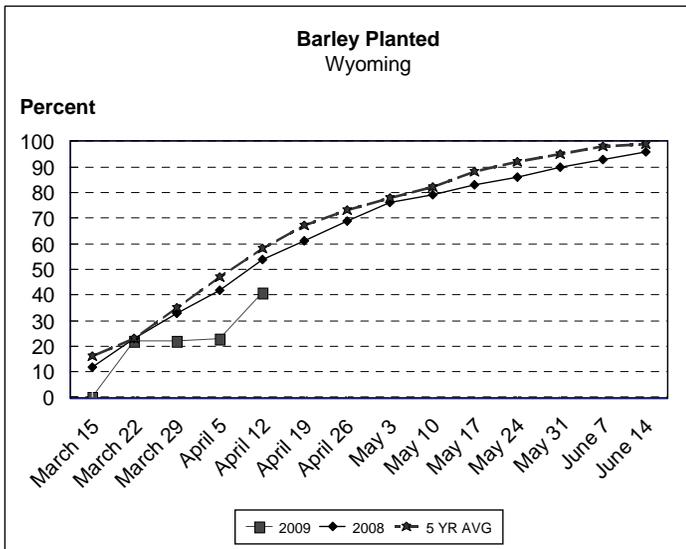
FIELD CROP REPORT: Total number of days suitable for field work was 1.5. Barley was reported at 41 percent planted and only 2 percent emerged, 2 points below 2008 and 8 points below the average. Oats came in at 19 percent planted, 7 points above 2008 and unchanged from the 5-year average. Thirteen percent of spring wheat was planted, unchanged from the average. The condition of the winter wheat came in at 55 percent good or better. Stock water supplies were reported at 93 percent adequate or better.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	41	23	54	58
Barley Emerged	2	2	4	10
Oats Planted	19	2	12	19
Spring Wheat Planted	13	0	0	13

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	2	2	15
Poor	13	13	28	20
Fair	39	47	34	40
Good	37	29	34	24
Excellent	9	9	2	1



USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending April 12 averaged at or above normal in 12 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Old Fort Laramie to 5 degrees above normal at Lake Yellowstone. The high temperature was 69 at Torrington and Worland while the low was 15 degrees below zero at Shirley Basin. Seventy-three percent of the reporting stations had below normal weekly precipitation. Cumulative precipitation was below normal in 17 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.49 inches reported at Jackson Hole, 0.20 inches above normal precipitation

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 12, 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	66	27	44	2	0.44	0.21	0.23	0.51	-1.08
Dubois	64	11	37	4	0.03	0.22	-0.19	1.61	0.27
Greybull	67	18	45	2	0.02	0.14	-0.12	0.38	-0.98
Jeffrey City	62	7	37	-2	0.07	0.28	-0.21	3.22	1.12
Lake Yellowstone	61	14	40	5	0.24	0.21	0.03	4.00	1.04
Lander	64	18	41	-2	0.55	0.43	0.12	3.39	0.36
Powell	68	13	42	0	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.58	-0.15
Riverton	68	20	43	1	0.77	0.17	0.60	1.86	0.85
Worland	69	20	45	-2	0.18	0.14	0.04	0.99	-0.18
District 2									
Big Horn	62	9	37	-5	0.06	0.36	-0.30	5.23	2.28
Buffalo-Johnson	63	14	41	-1	0.06	0.32	-0.26	1.79	-0.30
Gillette	57	6	39	-4	0.29	0.46	-0.17	2.27	-0.54
Mid-West	63	11	39	-4	0.29	0.35	-0.06	3.41	0.75
Newcastle	66	14	41	-3	0.21	0.32	-0.11	2.69	0.38
Sheridan	66	7	40	-3	0.07	0.31	-0.24	3.31	1.05
Sundance	61	9	41	2	0.14	0.50	-0.36	2.09	-1.04
District 3									
Big Piney	60	11	36	3	0.03	0.07	-0.04	0.76	-0.78
Evanston	57	26	39	3	0.17	0.25	-0.08	2.18	-0.41
Jackson Hole	52	1	32	-2	0.49	0.29	0.20	5.18	-1.65
Thayne	50	9	32	-3	0.00	0.35	-0.35	0.72	-4.02
District 4									
Casper	65	15	40	-2	0.21	0.29	-0.08	2.89	0.28
Laramie	55	-4	32	-4	0.03	0.21	-0.18	0.85	-1.14
Rawlins	60	11	38	-2	0.26	0.21	0.05	1.33	-0.76
Rock Springs	56	20	39	2	0.02	0.21	-0.19	1.47	-0.80
Shirley Basin	56	-15	27	-5	0.09	0.18	-0.09	3.34	1.80
District 5									
Buford	57	6	34	0	0.46	0.35	0.11	4.58	1.71
Cheyenne	65	16	40	0	0.10	0.32	-0.22	1.44	-1.02
Chugwater	64	5	37	-3	0.04	0.29	-0.25	3.66	1.01
Douglas	65	14	41	-2	0.16	0.32	-0.16	2.60	0.50
Lance Creek	58	14	39	-5	0.14	0.35	-0.21	2.75	0.80
Old Fort Laramie	67	12	38	-6	0.10	0.38	-0.28	1.63	-0.16
Torrington	69	12	40	-4	0.02	0.34	-0.32	1.39	-0.56
Wheatland	64	1	43	-2	0.13	0.28	-0.15	2.85	1.26

^{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