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Week of April 20 – 26, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures.

Measurable precipitation.

Topsoil moisture holding up.

The ground in some areas was too wet to farm. Recent moisture has helped the topsoil moisture but a few windy days will dry it out. Pasture in some areas was starting to show a small amount of green. High temperatures ranged from low 60's to mid 80's. Low temperatures ranged from 17 above to 32 above. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better were reported at 95 percent, 2 points up from the previous week. Subsoil moisture levels rated adequate were reported at 77 percent, 30 points up from the year.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	8	10
Short	5	7	28	34
Adequate	88	81	63	54
Surplus	7	12	1	2
SUBSOIL				
Very Short	5	N/A	23	24
Short	18	N/A	30	36
Adequate	77	N/A	47	40
Surplus	0	N/A	0	0

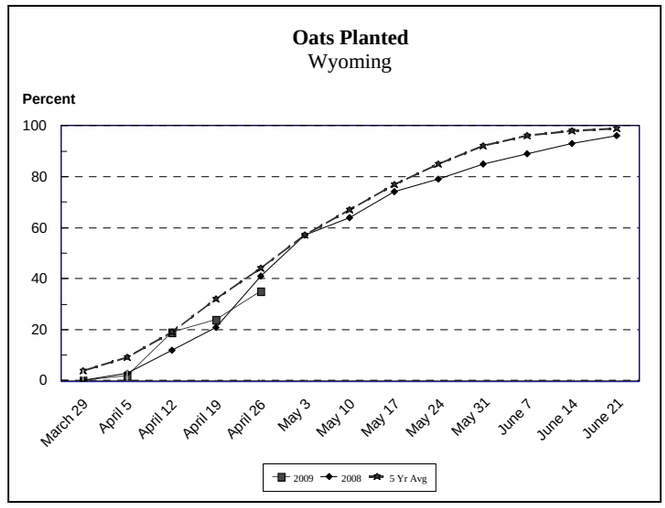
FIELD CROP REPORT: Total number of days suitable for field work was 3.9. Barley was reported at 66 percent planted and 14 percent emerged, 1 point below last year and 18 points below the average. Oats came in at 35 percent planted and 12 percent emerged, 5 points above 2008 but 3 points below the 5-year average. Nineteen percent of spring wheat was planted with 8 percent emerged, 8 points above the previous year and 1 point below the average. Corn was in the beginning stages of being planted with 2 percent in the ground, 1 point below 2008 and 5 points below the average. Over one-third of sugarbeets was planted, 14 points behind last year. Eleven percent of winter wheat was jointed, 10 points above the previous year and 7 points above the average. The condition of the winter wheat came in at 87 percent good or better, up 5 points from the previous week. Stock water supplies were reported at 99 percent adequate or better.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	66	57	69	73
Barley Emerged	14	7	15	32
Oats Planted	35	24	41	44
Oats Emerged	12	6	7	15
Spring Wheat Planted	19	17	18	38
Spring Wheat Emerged	8	6	0	9
Winter Wheat Jointed	11	5	1	4
Sugarbeets Planted	35	0	49	65
Corn Planted	2	0	3	7

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	1	12	78	9



LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Seventy-six percent of spring calves were born, 5 points up from last week. Eighty-one percent of farm flock ewes had lambed, 1 point above the previous year but 5 points below the average. Farm flock sheep shorn was reported at 79 percent, 7 points below the 5-year average. Lambing among range flock ewes was reported at 32 percent, up 4 points from last year. Range flock sheep shorn was set at 56 percent, up 5 points from the previous year but 3 points down from the average. The calf losses came in at 22 percent light, 66 percent normal and 12 percent heavy. Lamb losses were observed at 26 percent light, 68 percent normal and 6 percent heavy. Calves condition was rated 68 percent good or better. Cattle, sheep and lambs conditions were all observed at 73 percent good or better. Range and pasture conditions were at 61 percent good or better, up 9 points from last week up 24 points from the previous year.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	0	0	1	12
Poor	11	15	25	21
Fair	28	33	37	38
Good	52	43	33	27
Excellent	9	9	4	2

STOCK WATER	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	3	9
Short	1	23	29
Adequate	93	72	61
Surplus	6	2	1

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending April 26 averaged above normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Worland, Mid-West, Newcastle, Lance Creek, Old Fort Laramie, and Wheatland to 9 degrees above normal at Rock Springs. The high temperature was 85 at Torrington while the low was 17 degrees at Powell. Fifty-eight percent of the reporting stations had below normal weekly precipitation. Cumulative precipitation was below normal in 13 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest precipitation for the week was 1.14 inches reported at Lance Creek, 0.70 inches above normal precipitation.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 26, 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	73	25	51	5	0.03	0.31	-0.28	0.83	-1.34
Dubois	71	23	45	8	0.28	0.31	-0.03	2.59	0.66
Greybull	81	26	55	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	0.48	-1.23
Jeffrey City	73	29	48	7	0.70	0.38	0.32	4.59	1.79
Lake Yellowstone	68	17	44	5	0.33	0.28	0.05	5.42	1.93
Lander	74	31	52	7	0.36	0.53	-0.17	4.80	0.75
Powell	78	17	50	5	0.02	0.15	-0.13	0.66	-0.33
Riverton	74	30	51	6	0.18	0.28	-0.10	2.45	0.94
Worland	80	30	53	3	0.07	0.24	-0.17	1.24	-0.37
District 2									
Big Horn	79	22	51	5	0.43	0.46	-0.03	5.80	1.97
Buffalo-Johnson	77	24	51	5	0.25	0.42	-0.17	2.12	-0.77
Gillette	80	29	50	4	0.45	0.58	-0.13	3.02	-0.90
Mid-West	78	28	48	3	0.12	0.46	-0.34	3.90	0.37
Newcastle	83	29	50	3	1.09	0.43	0.66	4.82	1.70
Sheridan	80	21	52	7	0.31	0.42	-0.11	3.67	0.64
Sundance	79	23	49	5	0.67	0.58	0.09	3.75	-0.52
District 3									
Big Piney	68	26	45	6	0.05	0.14	-0.09	1.45	-0.35
Evanston	67	25	47	6	0.72	0.28	0.44	3.51	0.36
Jackson Hole	64	25	43	6	0.29	0.35	-0.06	6.39	-1.14
Thayne	67	25	43	4	0.31	0.42	-0.11	1.83	-3.70
District 4									
Casper	77	28	49	5	1.07	0.41	0.66	4.36	0.99
Laramie	70	29	46	7	0.20	0.28	-0.08	1.55	-0.96
Rawlins	71	31	49	6	0.99	0.28	0.71	3.18	0.56
Rock Springs	71	30	50	9	0.73	0.28	0.45	2.69	-0.08
Shirley Basin	66	21	41	6	0.29	0.26	0.03	3.80	1.79
District 5									
Buford	73	20	45	8	0.55	0.42	0.13	6.91	3.20
Cheyenne	76	32	49	6	0.12	0.41	-0.29	2.72	-0.50
Chugwater	78	29	50	6	0.24	0.44	-0.20	5.54	2.09
Douglas	80	29	50	5	0.80	0.45	0.35	4.66	1.73
Lance Creek	82	28	50	3	1.14	0.44	0.70	5.21	2.42
Old Fort Laramie	83	28	50	3	0.52	0.49	0.03	3.81	1.10
Torrington	85	30	53	5	0.44	0.46	-0.02	3.07	0.26
Wheatland	82	24	51	3	0.53	0.41	0.12	4.20	1.86

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