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Week of May 11 - 17, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moisture needed.

Corn began to emerge.

Topsoil moisture was drying out.

Last week was dry and windy. Pastures and meadows in some areas were drying out. More moisture was needed in order for the pasture to grow. Some cattle have been moved to summer pastures but many are waiting for the snow to melt in order to get more growth. High temperatures ranged from low 60's to high 80's. Low temperatures ranged from low 20's to high 30's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better were reported at 82 percent, 13 points below the previous week.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very	1	0	7	7
Short	17	5	32	32
Adequate	81	88	61	59
Surplus	1	7	0	2

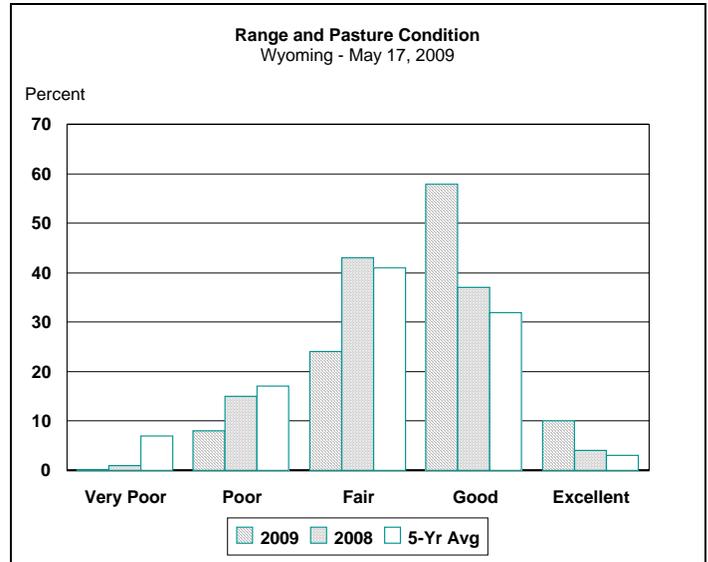
FIELD CROP REPORT: Total number of days suitable for field work was 6.7. Barley was reported at 85 percent planted, 48 percent emerged. Barley entered the jointed stage at 1 percent, 2 points below last year and 7 points below the 5-year average. Oats came in at 63 percent planted and 35 percent emerged, 8 points below the previous year and 15 points below the 5-year average. Forty-six percent of spring wheat was planted and 19 percent emerged, 31 points below the 5-year average. Forty-three percent of winter wheat was jointed with 5 percent in the boot, 2 points above the previous year but 7 points below the 5-year average. The condition of the winter wheat came in at 93 percent good or better, unchanged from the previous week. The planting of the dry beans continued with 21 percent planted, 16 points above 2008 and 13 points above the average. Seventy-seven percent of corn was planted and 2 percent emerged, 2 points below 2008 and 18 points below the average. Eighty-nine percent of sugarbeets were planted and 25 percent were emerged, 12 points below the previous year and 22 points below the average. Irrigation water supplies were reported at 95 percent adequate or better.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	85	78	83	88
Barley Emerged	48	37	51	65
Barley Jointed	1	0	3	8
Oats Planted	63	51	74	77
Oats Emerged	35	29	43	50
Spring Wheat Planted	46	31	77	81
Spring Wheat Emerged	19	13	41	50
Winter Wheat Jointed	43	31	58	67
Winter Wheat Boot	5	0	3	12
Sugarbeets Planted	89	76	95	97
Sugarbeets Emerged	25	17	37	47
Corn Planted	77	40	55	65
Corn Emerged	2	0	4	20
Dry Beans Planted	21	9	5	8

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	1	6	91	2



LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Ninety-three of spring calves were born, 3 points below the 5-year average. Ninety-five percent of farm flock ewes had lambed, 3 points above the previous year but 1 point below the average. Farm flock sheep shorn was reported at 96 percent, 6 points above the previous year but 1 point below the 5-year average. Fifty-nine percent of range flock ewes have lambed, up 4 points from the average. Eighty-six percent of range flock sheep was shorn, up 7 points from the previous year but unchanged from the average. The calf losses came in at 31 percent light, 61 percent normal and 8 percent heavy. Lamb losses were observed at 38 percent light, 57 percent normal and 5 percent heavy. Twenty-one percent of cattle and 14 percent of sheep has been moved to the summer pastures. Range and pasture conditions were at 68 percent good or better, down 1 point from last week but up 33 points from the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	93	90	96	96
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	95	92	92	96
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	96	93	90	97
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	59	50	51	55
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	86	75	79	86

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	0	0	1	7
Poor	8	8	15	17
Fair	24	23	43	41
Good	58	59	37	32
Excellent	10	10	4	3

IRRIGATION WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	7
Short	5	25	26
Adequate	91	75	65
Surplus	4	0	2

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending May 17 averaged at or above normal in 9 of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Worland and Gillette to 5 degrees above normal at Laramie. The high temperature was 86 at Torrington, while the low was 22 degrees at Dubois. All of the reporting stations received below normal weekly precipitation. Cumulative precipitation was below normal in 19 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.25 inches reported at Lake Yellowstone, which was 0.22 inches below normal precipitation.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, May 17, 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	72	34	51	-3	0.18	0.45	-0.27	1.20	-2.21
Dubois	70	22	44	-1	0.05	0.42	-0.37	4.07	1.01
Greybull	75	34	54	-2	0.00	0.33	-0.33	1.33	-1.24
Jeffrey City	70	29	48	-1	0.00	0.56	-0.56	5.18	0.84
Lake Yellowstone	65	23	43	-3	0.25	0.47	-0.22	6.95	2.23
Lander	73	31	52	-2	0.00	0.56	-0.56	6.08	0.34
Powell	74	32	51	-3	0.03	0.34	-0.31	0.80	-1.03
Riverton	72	31	52	-2	0.00	0.42	-0.42	2.99	0.28
Worland	74	30	51	-6	0.03	0.38	-0.35	2.09	-0.55
District 2									
Big Horn	73	29	49	-4	0.12	0.56	-0.44	6.44	1.04
Buffalo-Johnson	71	30	49	-3	0.05	0.56	-0.51	2.70	-1.79
Gillette	72	24	48	-6	0.09	0.69	-0.60	3.54	-2.33
Mid-West	74	29	50	-4	0.08	0.59	-0.51	4.14	-1.06
Newcastle	77	29	52	-3	0.00	0.56	-0.56	5.02	0.30
Sheridan	75	27	49	-4	0.02	0.63	-0.61	4.09	-0.63
Sundance	74	27	51	-1	0.18	0.63	-0.45	4.36	-1.73
District 3									
Big Piney	69	23	45	-2	0.00	0.24	-0.24	2.09	-0.34
Evanston	67	27	48	2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	4.04	-0.12
Jackson Hole	64	25	43	-3	0.00	0.47	-0.47	7.75	-1.07
Thayne	70	23	44	-3	0.17	0.52	-0.35	3.35	-3.66
District 4									
Casper	73	24	49	-4	0.03	0.56	-0.53	4.49	-0.47
Laramie	73	34	51	5	0.00	0.41	-0.41	2.58	-1.02
Rawlins	72	29	49	-2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	4.96	1.32
Rock Springs	68	31	50	2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	3.41	-0.33
Shirley Basin	66	25	42	0	0.09	0.35	-0.26	4.50	1.49
District 5									
Buford	72	29	47	4	0.00	0.49	-0.49	8.20	3.08
Cheyenne	77	35	51	1	0.15	0.56	-0.41	3.81	-1.01
Chugwater	80	37	52	3	0.00	0.70	-0.70	6.07	0.69
Douglas	78	29	51	-2	0.03	0.62	-0.59	4.87	0.22
Lance Creek	78	30	52	-3	0.00	0.52	-0.52	5.90	1.61
Old Fort Laramie	83	34	52	-3	0.05	0.49	-0.44	4.13	-0.05
Torrington	86	36	55	0	0.04	0.58	-0.54	3.48	-0.99
Wheatland	80	33	56	1	0.00	0.56	-0.56	4.66	0.72

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