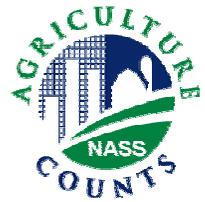




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Week of August 31- September 6, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Little to no precipitation.

Warm temperatures.

Good livestock conditions.

Wyoming was in need of more moisture last week as the warm temperatures persisted. Grass hopper infestation was reported in some areas. Harvested meadows were fairly green and producers were hoping for a third cutting of alfalfa in some areas. High temperatures ranged from low 80s to low 90s. Low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to low 50s. Topsoil moisture was at 70 percent adequate or better, up 12 points from last year and up 36 points from the average.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	1	7	20
Short	29	25	31	42
Adequate	67	73	59	37
Surplus	3	1	3	1

IRRIGATION WATER	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	9	21
Short	1	5	20
Adequate	88	86	59
Surplus	2	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: There were 6.8 days suitable for field work last week. Nine-tenths of barley was mature and 66 percent harvested; 17 points below last year and 24 points below the average. Eighty-seven percent of oats were mature and 82 percent harvested; 2 points below 2008 and 3 points below the average. A little over a quarter of winter wheat has been planted at 28 percent with 5 percent emerged, 5 points above the previous year but 2 points below the 5-year average. Most of dry beans were in bloom at 95 percent with 86 percent setting pods, 66 percent leaves turning color, 18 percent windrowed, and 1 percent combined; 2 points below 2008 and 7 points below the average. Ninety-one percent of corn was in the milk stage, 41 percent in the dough stage, and 4 percent dented; down 11 points from last year and down 22 points from the average. Harvesting corn for silage began with 7 percent harvested, 4 points below 2008 and 9 points below the average. Second cutting of alfalfa was reported at 86 percent complete and only 9 percent has been cut for the third time, down 6 points from last year and down 8 points from the average. Ninety-four percent of other hay has been harvested; 2 points above the previous year but 2 points below the 5-year average. Irrigation water supplies were at 90 percent adequate or better, up 4 points from 2008 and up 31 points up from the 5-year average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

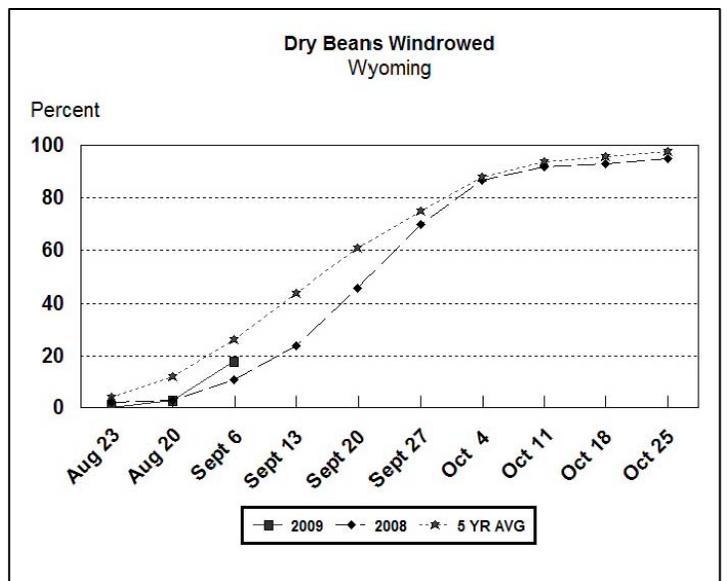
Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	2	18	80	0
Sugarbeets	0	0	8	87	5
Dry Beans	0	5	16	78	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Mature	90	85	99	99
Barley Harvested	66	58	83	90
Oats Mature	87	82	97	96
Oats Harvested	82	53	84	85
Spring Wht Mature	84	81	100	98
Spring Wht Harvested	78	52	81	91
Winter Wht Planted	28	0	31	37
Winter Wht Emerged	5	0	0	1
Corn Milk	91	68	70	87
Corn Dough	41	21	41	64
Corn Dent	4	0	15	26
Corn Silage	7	0	11	16
Dry Beans in Bloom	95	92	100	100
Dry Beans Setting Pod	86	80	97	99
Dry Beans Turn Color	66	53	63	73
Dry Beans Windrowed	18	3	11	26
Dry Beans Combined	1	0	3	8
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	86	75	89	90
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	9	5	15	17
Other Hay Harvested	94	90	92	96

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	1	2	19
Poor	8	8	14	21
Fair	35	35	44	33
Good	50	50	34	23
Excellent	6	6	6	4



LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were at 56 percent good or better, up 16 points from last year and up 29 points from the 5-year average.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending September 6th averaged above normal at all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Old Fort Laramie and Wheatland to 14 degrees above normal at Shirley Basin. The high temperature was 94 at Greybull, Worland, and Sheridan, while the low was 36 degrees at Big Piney and Jackson Hole. All of the 33 reporting stations received below normal weekly precipitation and 12 received below normal cumulative precipitation. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.25 inches reported at Lake Yellowstone, which was 0.10 inches below normal precipitation.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 6, 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	90	50	71	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.78	-3.42
Dubois	85	40	61	7	0.00	0.27	-0.27	9.93	2.82
Greybull	94	50	72	10	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.65	-0.91
Jeffrey City	85	42	65	7	0.13	0.14	-0.01	9.62	1.51
Lake Yellowstone	84	46	64	9	0.25	0.35	-0.10	12.37	1.41
Lander	87	53	70	7	0.10	0.20	-0.10	12.28	2.79
Powell	90	48	68	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.54	-0.95
Riverton	87	51	70	9	0.01	0.20	-0.19	7.19	1.22
Worland	94	49	72	8	0.03	0.15	-0.12	5.03	-0.85
District 2									
Big Horn	92	50	69	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.04	2.35
Buffalo-Johnson	91	54	71	9	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.13	0.78
Gillette	92	51	71	9	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.52	-2.82
Midwest	90	47	69	6	0.00	0.14	-0.14	11.19	0.69
Newcastle	92	51	70	6	0.00	0.29	-0.29	13.46	0.94
Sheridan	94	49	70	7	0.02	0.28	-0.26	9.98	-0.83
Sundance	90	43	67	5	0.00	0.33	-0.33	14.76	0.24
District 3									
Big Piney	82	36	61	9	0.01	0.21	-0.20	8.09	2.62
Evanston	84	50	66	10	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.22	1.38
Jackson Hole	81	36	60	5	0.04	0.35	-0.31	14.20	-0.41
Thayne	83	37	60	5	0.00	0.35	-0.35	10.06	-2.39
District 4									
Casper	91	43	68	6	0.03	0.20	-0.17	11.82	2.18
Laramie	81	41	61	5	0.13	0.27	-0.14	8.17	-0.55
Rawlins	85	45	66	5	0.09	0.15	-0.06	9.43	2.39
Rock Springs	85	51	69	10	0.00	0.17	-0.17	6.37	-0.26
Shirley Basin	88	46	66	14	0.04	0.21	-0.17	10.31	2.45
District 5									
Buford	83	46	64	11	0.06	0.35	-0.29	16.31	4.59
Cheyenne	88	48	65	5	0.02	0.36	-0.34	11.42	-1.06
Chugwater	88	43	66	6	0.00	0.34	-0.34	17.44	4.95
Douglas	92	47	69	7	0.02	0.21	-0.19	9.39	-0.40
Lance Creek	92	48	69	5	0.00	0.28	-0.28	12.33	1.63
Old Fort Laramie	91	45	66	3	0.00	0.27	-0.27	11.39	0.69
Torrington	91	51	68	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.87	2.94
Wheatland	89	48	67	3	0.11	0.28	-0.17	13.77	3.43

^{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