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**Week of September 28 – October 4, 2009**

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Snow in some areas.

High winds.

Sugarbeet harvest above average.

Bean and sugarbeet harvest has been stopped due to heavy wet snow in some areas. Some producers were feeding hay already due to grass hopper infested pastures. A few counties reported cold high winds which were drying up the ground. High temperatures ranged from low 70s to high 80s. Low temperatures ranged from 11 to 30 degrees. Topsoil moisture was at 76 percent adequate or better, up 12 points from last year and up 30 points from the average.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	2	1	3	17
Short	22	31	33	37
Adequate	76	67	63	45
Surplus	0	1	1	1

IRRIGATION WATER	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	N/A	N/A
Short	4	N/A	N/A
Adequate	87	N/A	N/A
Surplus	0	N/A	N/A

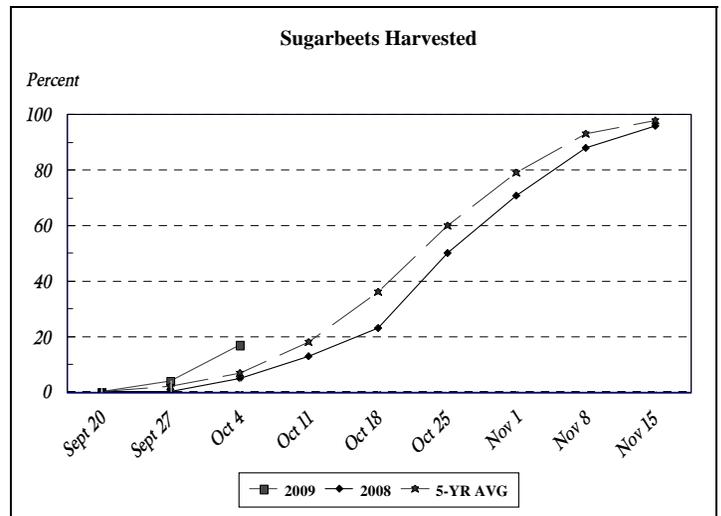
**FIELD CROP REPORT:** There were 6.0 days suitable for field work last week. All winter wheat has been planted with 90 percent emerged; 1 point below 2008 but 3 points above the average. Ninety-eight percent of dry beans were turning color, 91 percent windrowed, and 78 percent combined; 16 points above 2008 and 13 points above the 5-year average. Ninety-six percent of corn was in the dough stage, 86 percent was dented, 65 percent was mature, and 2 percent was harvested; up 1 point from last year but unchanged from the average. Harvesting corn for silage was at 87 percent, up 2 points from 2008 but 3 points below the average. Seventeen percent of sugarbeets have been harvested, 12 points above 2008 and 10 points above the average. Fifty-two percent of alfalfa has been cut for the third time, down 3 points from last year and down 15 points from the average. Irrigation water supplies were at 87 percent adequate.

**CROP CONDITION TABLE**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	6	93	1
Corn	2	3	19	76	0
Sugarbeets	0	0	6	87	7

**CROP PROGRESS TABLE**

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Emerged	90	72	91	87
Sugarbeets Harvested	17	4	5	7
Corn Dough	96	82	97	98
Corn Dent	86	52	80	86
Corn Mature	65	23	44	48
Corn Harvested	2	2	1	2
Corn Silage	87	71	85	90
Dry Beans Turn Color	98	94	100	100
Dry Beans Windrowed	91	81	87	88
Dry Beans Combined	78	61	62	65
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	52	44	55	67



**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** All livestock was rated at a minimum of 83 percent good or better. Fifty-one percent of cattle has been moved from summer pastures as well as 54 percent of sheep. Range and pasture conditions were at 49 percent good or better, up 10 points from last year and up 20 points from the 5-year average.

**RANGE AND PASTURE FEED**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	1	3	19
Poor	14	10	11	21
Fair	36	39	47	31
Good	47	46	33	26
Excellent	2	4	6	3

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week ending October 4th averaged at or above normal at 3 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 8 degrees below normal at Newcastle to 2 degrees above normal at Buford. The high temperature was 88 at Worland, Buffalo-Johnson, and Gillette, while the low was 11 degrees at Big Piney. Twenty of the 33 reporting stations received below normal weekly precipitation and 15 received below normal cumulative precipitation. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.62 inches reported at Midwest, which was 0.36 inches above normal precipitation.

### Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	82	30	49	-5	0.22	0.25	-0.03	5.00	-4.29
Dubois	78	16	44	-3	0.09	0.24	-0.15	10.32	2.13
Greybull	87	28	51	-2	0.30	0.16	0.14	5.04	-1.31
Jeffrey City	80	21	44	-6	0.47	0.21	0.26	10.57	1.67
Lake Yellowstone	76	22	43	-4	0.25	0.26	-0.01	12.82	0.73
Lander	83	28	51	-3	0.34	0.34	0.00	13.02	2.38
Powell	83	26	47	-4	0.23	0.14	0.09	4.79	-1.36
Riverton	83	26	49	-4	0.39	0.19	0.20	7.72	0.93
Worland	88	28	51	-4	0.28	0.21	0.07	5.32	-1.40
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	75	25	47	-6	0.61	0.35	0.26	14.35	2.32
Buffalo-Johnson	88	29	50	-3	0.15	0.29	-0.14	11.40	-0.24
Gillette	88	21	49	-4	0.06	0.35	-0.29	9.97	-3.73
Midwest	85	23	47	-7	0.62	0.26	0.36	12.82	1.43
Newcastle	79	25	47	-8	0.38	0.28	0.10	14.33	0.73
Sheridan	82	26	49	-4	0.45	0.35	0.10	10.65	-1.50
Sundance	77	25	47	-5	0.45	0.35	0.10	15.69	-0.06
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	77	11	44	0	0.03	0.14	-0.11	8.12	1.93
Evanston	78	22	47	-2	0.32	0.28	0.04	10.29	1.26
Jackson Hole	82	16	43	-3	0.23	0.28	-0.05	15.06	-0.73
Thayne	77	18	42	-5	0.00	0.35	-0.35	10.62	-3.34
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	86	23	48	-4	0.47	0.28	0.19	13.52	2.91
Laramie	79	20	46	-3	0.01	0.21	-0.20	9.05	-0.54
Rawlins	79	22	48	-4	0.15	0.21	-0.06	10.06	2.20
Rock Springs	79	25	50	0	0.02	0.21	-0.19	6.57	-0.90
Shirley Basin	73	15	38	-5	0.16	0.21	-0.05	11.13	2.41
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	79	25	47	2	0.01	0.28	-0.27	17.13	4.06
Cheyenne	81	25	48	-4	0.00	0.25	-0.25	12.56	-1.17
Chugwater	85	20	48	-4	0.02	0.24	-0.22	18.15	4.58
Douglas	85	22	50	-3	0.08	0.21	-0.13	10.16	-0.64
Lance Creek	87	25	49	-6	0.10	0.25	-0.15	12.89	1.24
Old Fort Laramie	83	16	46	-7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.61	-0.07
Torrington	83	24	51	-4	0.03	0.28	-0.25	14.35	2.23
Wheatland	82	22	49	-7	0.08	0.28	-0.20	14.38	2.85

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955