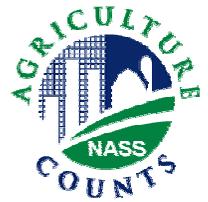




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Week of October 12 - 18, 2009

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Some precipitation.

Cool weather.

Third of sugarbeets harvested.

Localized area has experienced a hard freeze which has damaged the sugarbeet crop. Sugarbeet harvest in some areas was stopped due to snow. Producers were waiting for corn to dry prior to harvesting. Livestock operators were moving cattle to sale barns and feedlots. High temperatures ranged from high 50s to high 70s. Low temperatures ranged from 5 to 32 degrees. Topsoil moisture was at 89 percent adequate or better, up 14 points from last year and up 37 points from the average.

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	4	15
Short	11	14	21	33
Adequate	87	81	70	50
Surplus	2	5	5	2

HAY & ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	1	4
Short	6	6	18
Adequate	87	89	70
Surplus	6	4	8

FIELD CROP REPORT: There were 4.4 days suitable for field work last week. Ninety-five percent of the dry beans had been windrowed, and 83 percent combined; 11 points above 2008 and 2 points above the 5-year average. Ninety-five percent of corn was in the dent stage, 91 percent was mature, and 7 percent was harvested; up 4 points from last year but 9 points below the average. Almost a third of sugarbeets have been harvested at 32 percent, 9 points above 2008 but 4 points below the average. Eighty-six percent of alfalfa has been cut for the third time, up 21 points from last year and up 4 points from the average.

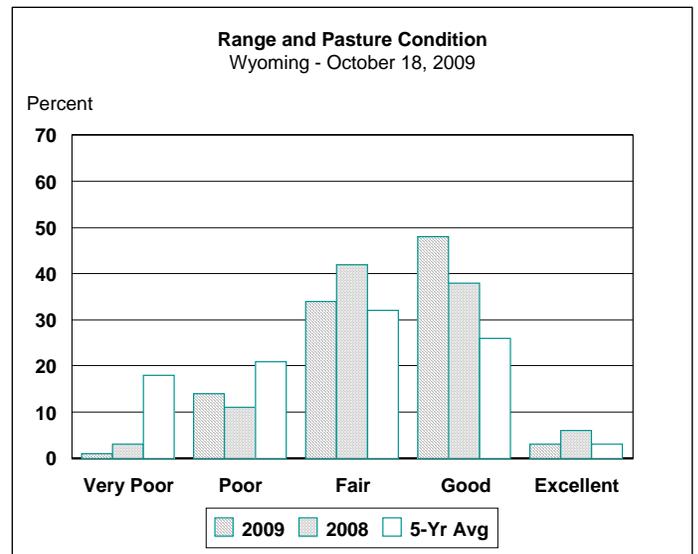
CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	8	91	1
Corn	2	3	19	76	0
Sugarbeets	7	14	28	39	12

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Sugarbeets Harvested	32	24	23	36
Corn Dent	95	91	88	94
Corn Mature	91	84	58	73
Corn Harvested	7	2	3	16
Dry Beans Windrowed	95	91	93	96
Dry Beans Combined	83	79	72	81
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	86	75	65	82

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were at 51 percent good or better, up 7 points from last year and up 22 points from the 5-year average. Livestock conditions were reported at 93 percent good or better. Seventy percent of cattle and 71 percent of sheep were moved from summer pastures. Hay and roughage supplies were at 93 percent good or better.



RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	1	3	18
Poor	14	15	11	21
Fair	34	35	42	32
Good	48	46	38	26
Excellent	3	3	6	3

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending October 18th averaged at or above normal in 6 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 11 degrees below normal at Cody to 5 degrees above normal at Evanston. The high temperature was 77 at Wheatland, while the low was 5 degrees at Lake Yellowstone. Nine of the reporting stations received at or above normal weekly precipitation and 21 received above normal cumulative precipitation. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.46 inches reported at Thayne and Rawlins, which was 0.11 and 0.25 inches above normal precipitation, respectively.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 18, 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	70	10	39	-11	0.06	0.21	-0.15	5.28	-4.43
Dubois	71	16	39	-3	0.09	0.14	-0.05	11.63	3.14
Greybull	68	18	41	-6	0.00	0.14	-0.14	5.32	-1.31
Jeffrey City	65	8	38	-7	0.14	0.19	-0.05	12.15	2.85
Lake Yellowstone	68	5	36	-6	0.39	0.21	0.18	14.21	1.70
Lander	63	20	40	-8	0.00	0.31	-0.31	15.10	3.80
Powell	67	17	38	-8	0.03	0.14	-0.11	5.16	-1.27
Riverton	63	19	40	-8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	8.92	1.85
Worland	70	20	41	-8	0.01	0.14	-0.13	6.31	-0.76
District 2									
Big Horn	76	14	38	-9	0.14	0.34	-0.20	15.37	2.65
Buffalo-Johnson	70	13	38	-9	0.02	0.24	-0.22	12.35	0.19
Gillette	73	15	40	-7	0.08	0.38	-0.30	10.78	-3.72
Midwest	71	16	40	-8	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.82	1.87
Newcastle	69	20	40	-9	0.04	0.33	-0.29	15.00	0.76
Sheridan	75	17	39	-8	0.08	0.28	-0.20	12.65	-0.12
Sundance	75	13	43	-4	0.04	0.36	-0.32	16.68	0.22
District 3									
Big Piney	65	16	41	3	0.02	0.14	-0.12	8.87	2.40
Evanston	67	32	47	5	0.18	0.28	-0.10	10.82	1.23
Jackson Hole	64	18	42	2	0.31	0.28	0.03	16.14	-0.15
Thayne	67	26	42	1	0.46	0.35	0.11	11.31	-3.35
District 4									
Casper	69	18	41	-6	0.11	0.28	-0.17	14.35	3.18
Laramie	65	22	43	0	0.10	0.21	-0.11	9.54	-0.47
Rawlins	64	19	45	-2	0.46	0.21	0.25	11.27	2.99
Rock Springs	64	26	46	3	0.45	0.21	0.24	7.47	-0.42
Shirley Basin	58	8	35	-4	0.32	0.15	0.17	12.16	3.08
District 5									
Buford	63	12	41	-1	0.12	0.21	-0.09	18.37	4.88
Cheyenne	62	16	39	-8	0.14	0.15	-0.01	13.78	-0.31
Chugwater	70	15	39	-9	0.22	0.21	0.01	19.33	5.34
Douglas	70	20	40	-8	0.19	0.18	0.01	10.56	-0.63
Lance Creek	72	16	39	-10	0.02	0.21	-0.19	13.43	1.32
Old Fort Laramie	70	17	37	-10	0.20	0.20	0.00	12.68	0.59
Torrington	73	21	41	-8	0.12	0.21	-0.09	15.10	2.54
Wheatland	77	21	44	-8	0.05	0.21	-0.16	15.24	3.29

^{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