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Week of March 29 – April 4, 2010

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:

Much needed moisture fell in some counties.

Spring field work progressing.

Spring brought a variety of weather to WY last week with some counties receiving much needed moisture. In the counties that remained dry, planting progressed. The grass is beginning to green up but grazing prospects for the upcoming year will remain dependent on continued moisture. High temperatures ranged from 80 degrees to the upper 40s. Low temperatures ranged from 3 degrees to the upper 20s. Three days were suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was at 86 percent adequate or better, up 6 points from last year and up 23 points from the 5-year average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	4	10
Short	14	18	16	27
Adequate	79	79	68	58
Surplus	7	3	12	5

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	51	26	23	39
Barley Emerged	0	0	2	2
Oats Planted	10	0	2	5

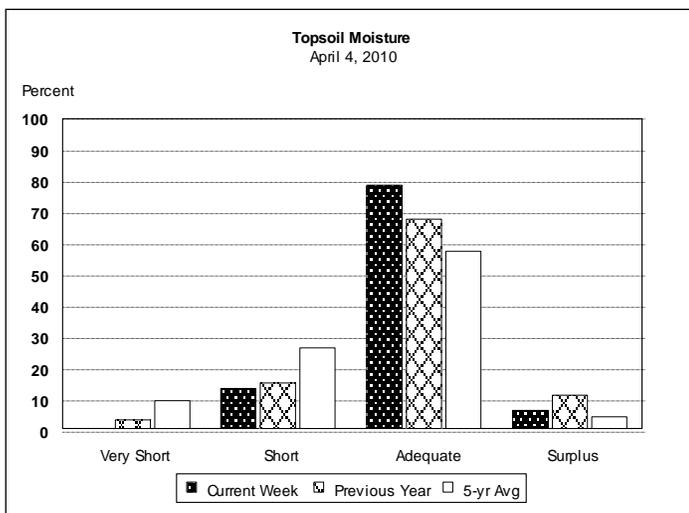
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Spring calving was reported half completed at 50 percent, 5 percent behind a year ago and 11 percent less than the 5-year average. Calf losses for the month were 24 percent light and 76 percent normal. Forty nine percent of the farm flock was reported as lambled, 8 and 15 points behind the previous year and the average respectively. As for the range flock, 19 percent were reported as lambled, equal to the same time last year and 7 percent ahead of the average. Forty nine percent of the farm flock was reported as shorn with the range flock following closely behind at 44 percent shorn. Lamb losses for the month were 25 percent light and 75 percent normal. Range and pasture conditions came in at 51 percent good or better, 13 points over the previous year and 23 points better than the average, with spring grazing prospects reported at 55 percent good or better.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	50	38	55	61
Farm Flock Ewes Lambled	49	40	57	64
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	49	40	57	60
Range Flock Ewes Lambled	19	12	19	12
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	44	34	40	25

RANGE AND PASTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	9	9	2	15
Poor	12	12	13	19
Fair	28	28	47	38
Good	49	50	30	25
Excellent	2	1	8	3



FIELD CROP REPORT: Winter wheat condition was reported at 91 percent good or better, up 33 points from 2009 and up 32 points from the multi-year average. Planting was reported at 51 percent complete for barley, up 28 points compared to this time last year and up 12 from the 5-year average. Oat planting came in at 10 percent complete, 8 and 5 points above last year and the average, respectively. Planting for spring wheat came in at 8 percent complete, up 8 points from the previous year but only 3 points above the 5-year average. Irrigation water supplies were reported at 83 percent adequate, with the remainder reported as short.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week averaged below normal in 13 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Thayne and Evanston to 7 degrees above normal at Torrington. The high temperature was 80 degrees at Torrington with a low of 3 degrees at Shirley Basin. Eight reporting stations received below normal precipitation for the week, while 22 were below normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1. The largest precipitation for the week was 1.26 inches reported at Jackson Hole. This was 0.94 inches above normal for the week but 2.42 inches below normal for total accumulation since January 1.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 2010 ^{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	61	25	41	-1	0.00	0.18	-0.18	0.12	-1.23
Dubois	56	5	30	-3	0.79	0.18	0.61	1.46	0.37
Greybull	67	22	42	1	0.06	0.10	-0.04	0.57	-0.63
Jeffrey City	60	19	34	-2	0.39	0.26	0.13	1.85	0.07
Lake Yellowstone	47	14	31	-2	0.97	0.21	0.76	2.14	-0.58
Lander	63	20	38	-3	0.76	0.39	0.37	3.45	0.91
Powell	65	23	40	2	0.06	0.07	-0.01	0.44	-0.21
Riverton	63	24	39	-2	0.53	0.14	0.39	1.72	0.90
Worland	68	25	42	-2	0.21	0.14	0.07	0.63	-0.38
District 2									
Big Horn	70	23	42	3	0.67	0.32	0.35	1.92	-0.62
Buffalo-Johnson	66	23	41	2	0.43	0.26	0.17	0.85	-0.88
Gillette	70	16	41	2	0.59	0.37	0.22	1.22	-1.07
Mid-West	65	22	41	2	0.55	0.28	0.27	2.04	-0.22
Newcastle	70	23	43	3	0.85	0.27	0.58	1.79	-0.16
Sheridan	69	22	43	4	0.51	0.28	0.23	1.36	-0.55
Sundance	67	21	43	6	0.89	0.38	0.51	2.36	-0.21
District 3									
Big Piney	54	12	31	-1	0.00	0.13	-0.13	0.32	-1.13
Evanston	58	12	32	-4	0.64	0.21	0.43	1.59	-0.72
Jackson Hole	45	13	30	-1	1.26	0.32	0.94	3.93	-2.42
Thayne	54	15	29	-4	0.84	0.35	0.49	3.86	-0.48
District 4									
Casper	67	22	41	3	0.54	0.26	0.28	2.50	0.22
Laramie	61	14	35	2	0.25	0.21	0.04	0.71	-1.04
Rawlins	62	20	37	-1	0.13	0.21	-0.08	0.85	-1.00
Rock Springs	59	18	35	-2	0.35	0.21	0.14	0.78	-1.25
Shirley Basin	53	3	30	2	0.24	0.14	0.10	1.56	0.22
District 5									
Buford	61	20	36	5	0.19	0.34	-0.15	3.08	0.61
Cheyenne	72	21	42	5	0.32	0.28	0.04	1.88	-0.22
Chugwater	73	26	42	5	0.41	0.28	0.13	2.88	0.59
Douglas	69	23	44	5	0.20	0.27	-0.07	1.33	-0.41
Lance Creek	72	26	45	5	0.21	0.27	-0.06	1.29	-0.25
Old Fort Laramie	76	20	44	3	0.32	0.29	0.03	1.98	0.62
Torrington	80	27	48	7	0.39	0.26	0.13	1.86	0.29
Wheatland	73	24	44	2	0.30	0.21	0.09	1.13	0.00

^{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