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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drought-like conditions continue as no precipitation reported.

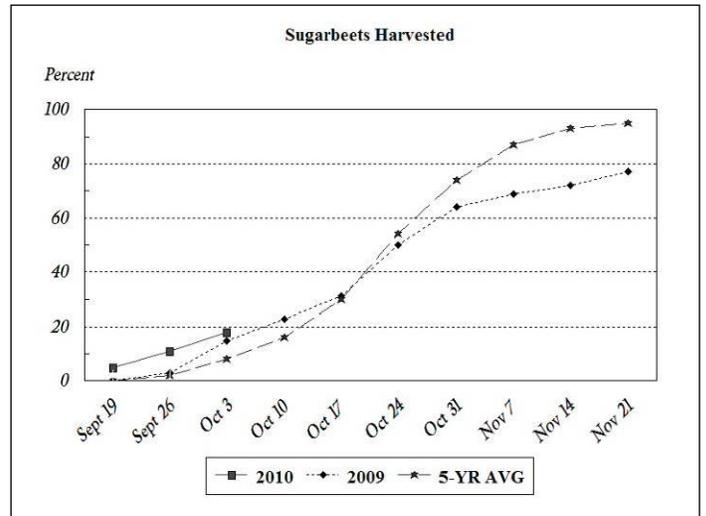
Conditions across much of the state continue to be very dry and unseasonably warm for this time of the year. Counties such as Albany, Converse, Laramie, Platte, Sweetwater, Uinta and Weston are all reporting some variation of extremely dry fall conditions. Uinta County reported tinder-dry range grasses while Albany County reported low water levels in rivers and streams, making stock water supplies a growing concern. Current weather conditions have also made working livestock a very dusty occasion and many cattle are now being shipped or moved. High temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Low temperatures ranged from 30 degrees to the mid 40s.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Planted	81	79	99	99
Winter Wheat Emerged	70	62	87	87
Dry Beans Windrowed	92	84	90	90
Dry Beans Combined	65	59	76	70
Corn in Dented	94	90	81	84
Corn Mature	58	54	59	52
Corn Harvested	26	15	2	2
Corn Silage	74	66	85	89
Sugarbeets Harvested	18	11	15	8
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	64	57	51	67

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	15	13	2	14
Short	46	41	23	35
Adequate	39	46	75	51
Surplus	0	0	0	0

Subsoil	As of 9/27			
Very Short	14	13	N/A	N/A
Short	47	41	N/A	N/A
Adequate	39	46	N/A	N/A
Surplus	0	0	N/A	N/A



FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 7.0 with adequate or better topsoil and subsoil both falling 7 points compared to last week. Topsoil moisture rated adequate or better is well below both last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat progress for the 2011 crop continues to lag behind in reference to planting and emergence compared to last year and the 5-year average with 81 and 70 percent reported, respectively. Dry beans reported as windrowed are ahead of last year and the average but combined has slid behind both comparisons. Corn progress is ahead of the 5-year average but corn harvested for silage is now running behind this time last year and compared to the 5-year average. Sugarbeet harvest and third cutting of alfalfa are also ahead of this time one year ago. Crop conditions, except for winter wheat, remain unchanged from last week. Crop insect infestation estimated as moderate and severe also remained unchanged from last week. Irrigation water supplies fell 2 points compared to the last report two weeks ago.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: The percent of range and pasture rated good or better fell 4 points from last week and is equal or better compared to last year and the 5-year average. The drying conditions have forced producers to begin moving livestock from summer pastures. Twenty-eight percent of cattle and thirty-two percent of sheep have been moved.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY

	This Week	As of 9/20	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	10	10	N/A	N/A
Short	5	3	N/A	N/A
Adequate	79	80	N/A	N/A
Surplus	6	7	N/A	N/A

CROP INSECT INFESTATION

	This Week	As of 9/27	As of 9/13
None	42	43	17
Light	37	36	35
Moderate	17	17	34
Severe	4	4	14

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	42	58	0
Corn	1	3	20	76	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	9	90	0
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	23	64	13

RANGE AND PASTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	0	1	11
Poor	13	13	13	19
Fair	37	34	36	35
Good	41	44	47	32
Excellent	8	9	2	3

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week averaged well above normal at all 33 reporting stations. Average air temperature for the week ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Old Fort Laramie to 17 degrees above normal at Evanston. The high temperature for the state was 96 degrees at Lance Creek, while the low was 30 degrees at Big Piney and Jackson Hole. No precipitation was reported at any of the reporting stations, leaving all stations behind normal for the reference week. Up two more from last week, 19 stations remain below normal averages for cumulative precipitation since January 1, with Cody and Newcastle the farthest behind.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 3, 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	90	45	66	13	0.00	0.26	-0.26	4.62	-4.64
Dubois	84	32	57	12	0.00	0.25	-0.25	11.26	3.15
Greybull	90	44	65	14	0.00	0.17	-0.17	6.31	-0.02
Jeffrey City	87	31	56	8	0.00	0.21	-0.21	10.84	1.97
Lake Yellowstone	82	40	59	14	0.00	0.27	-0.27	10.02	-2.04
Lander	89	45	66	14	0.00	0.33	-0.33	12.79	2.20
Powell	89	40	62	12	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.22	-1.91
Riverton	86	45	64	13	0.00	0.20	-0.20	8.65	1.88
Worland	92	41	65	11	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.87	-0.82
District 2									
Big Horn	91	38	62	12	0.00	0.35	-0.35	14.18	2.20
Buffalo-Johnson	90	45	65	14	0.00	0.30	-0.30	12.27	0.67
Gillette	92	40	63	11	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.06	-1.59
Mid-West	92	39	62	9	0.00	0.25	-0.25	9.29	-2.06
Newcastle	90	39	60	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.29	-4.27
Sheridan	93	39	64	13	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.50	0.40
Sundance	85	34	61	9	0.00	0.35	-0.35	17.84	2.14
District 3									
Big Piney	84	30	56	12	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.15	-2.02
Evanston	84	46	65	17	0.00	0.28	-0.28	8.28	-0.71
Jackson Hole	81	30	56	11	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.99	-3.61
Thayne	85	32	58	12	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.59	-1.32
District 4									
Casper	92	34	61	10	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.95	-0.62
Laramie	84	36	58	11	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.63	-1.93
Rawlins	85	35	59	8	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.52	-1.31
Rock Springs	84	42	64	15	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.43	-2.01
Shirley Basin	79	26	51	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.45	-0.24
District 5									
Buford	89	35	60	14	0.00	0.28	-0.28	16.37	3.34
Cheyenne	89	36	60	10	0.00	0.26	-0.26	12.56	-1.14
Chugwater	91	32	61	10	0.00	0.25	-0.25	18.25	4.71
Douglas	93	36	62	10	0.00	0.21	-0.21	10.57	-0.20
Lance Creek	96	35	61	8	0.00	0.24	-0.24	15.20	3.61
Old Fort Laramie	91	32	58	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	16.02	4.37
Torrington	92	39	63	10	0.00	0.28	-0.28	12.97	0.89
Wheatland	90	36	62	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.98	2.49

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