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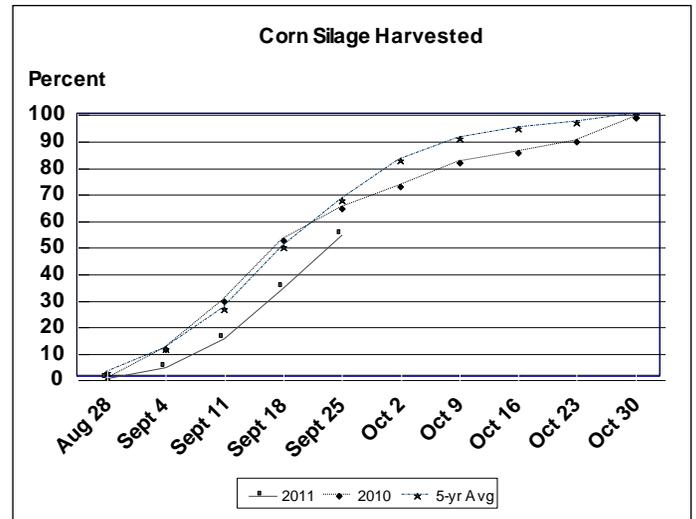
Week of September 19 – 25, 2011

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm, dry conditions prevail.

Warm and dry weather dominated most of the State. Very little measureable moisture fell anywhere in the State. Platte County reported preparation work for sugarbeet harvest. Corn, alfalfa, and dry bean harvest is underway. Dryland wheat and pastures need rain. Lincoln County reported sunny days and cold nights. Conditions have been dry with loss of soil moisture. Weston County reported that conditions are very dry with warm days over the weekend. Activities for the week include: hay and small grain harvest, wheat planting, windrowing beans and moving livestock. High temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 10s to the low 40s.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	7	5	13	12
Short	44	46	41	36
Adequate	48	48	46	51
Surplus	1	1	0	1
Subsoil	This Week	As of 9/12	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	12	10	13	26
Short	31	30	41	37
Adequate	57	60	46	37
Surplus	0	0	0	0



CROP CONDITION

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	0	17	78	5
Sugarbeets	0	0	35	60	5
Dry Beans	0	6	39	51	4
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	15	83	2

FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 6.9. Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was unchanged compared to last week's estimate and remains above last year but below the 5-year average. Subsoil moisture was 57 percent adequate or better, down slightly from September 12th but up from last year and the 5-year average. Small grain harvest was over 93 percent completed, roughly even with last year and the 5-year average. Corn progress was behind last year and the 5-year average as 28 percent was in the mature stage. Corn silage harvest at 55 percent was behind both last year and the average for this time of year. Alfalfa hay harvest at 97 percent for second cutting and 36 percent for third cutting, was behind both last year and the 5-year average. Crop conditions of percent good or excellent were unchanged from last week for corn and sugarbeets, but were down slightly for dry beans and alfalfa.

PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions of good or excellent were 60 percent, down 3 percent from last week. This is above last year and the 5-year average. Stock water supplies were 89 percent adequate or better, up 4 percent from September 12 and above last year and the 5-year average.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	1	0	10
Poor	12	12	13	18
Fair	26	24	34	36
Good	55	57	44	31
Excellent	5	6	9	5

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	93	89	94	96
Oats Harvested	95	92	97	97
Winter Wheat Planted	91	61	79	91
Winter Wheat Emerged	44	25	61	67
Dry Beans Windrowed	75	55	82	77
Dry Beans Combined	47	28	56	53
Corn Dough	95	90	95	89
Corn Dent	79	62	89	71
Corn Mature	28	6	52	34
Corn Silage Harvested	55	35	65	68
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	97	92	99	99
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	36	30	54	53

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 9/12	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	0	1	9
Short	10	15	14	23
Adequate	89	85	85	67
Surplus	0	0	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Weekly air temperatures averaged at or above normal for 28 of the 33 reporting stations. Temperature average ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Shirley Basin and Old Fort Laramie to 8 degrees above normal at Big Piney and Evanston. The high temperature for the State was 90 degrees at Sheridan and Torrington while a State low of 15 degrees was recorded at Shirley Basin. Newcastle recorded the most precipitation for the week with 0.10 inches, 0.16 inches below normal for the reference week and raising the cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011 to 3.59 inches above normal. Only three of the stations reported some precipitation for the week. Big Horn is the location with the highest cumulative precipitation above normal since January 1 while Jackson Hole is the furthest behind at 2.12 inches below normal. None of the 33 stations recorded above normal precipitation for the week with 25 recording above normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011.

Weather Data for the Week Ending September 25, 2011 ^{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	86	36	61	6	0.00	0.28	-0.28	12.33	3.37
Dubois	78	27	50	3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	12.47	4.60
Greybull	89	36	60	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.72	1.59
Jeffrey City	80	24	51	-2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.28	-1.35
Lake Yellowstone	74	26	46	5	0.02	0.35	-0.33	20.08	4.64
Lander	84	34	59	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	11.80	1.58
Powell	85	30	55	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.68	0.71
Riverton	83	33	59	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.54	2.00
Worland	88	31	59	3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	8.61	2.16
District 2									
Big Horn	88	31	59	6	0.00	0.35	-0.35	18.62	7.04
Buffalo-Johnson	86	34	61	6	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.77	1.52
Gillette	87	31	59	4	0.00	0.35	-0.35	14.96	1.71
Midwest	88	28	57	2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.76	0.69
Newcastle	86	34	57	0	0.10	0.26	-0.16	16.83	3.59
Sheridan	90	30	60	6	0.00	0.35	-0.35	13.30	1.60
Sundance	88	32	59	5	0.01	0.30	-0.29	18.01	2.71
District 3									
Big Piney	79	26	53	8	0.00	0.18	-0.18	3.96	-2.05
Evanston	75	40	57	8	0.00	0.33	-0.33	7.07	-1.60
Jackson Hole	79	28	52	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	13.31	-2.12
Thayne	80	32	54	6	0.00	0.41	-0.41	13.96	0.45
District 4									
Casper	86	26	57	3	0.00	0.25	-0.25	9.46	-0.79
Laramie	77	24	52	2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.47	-1.85
Rawlins	81	28	54	-1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.03	-1.56
Rock Springs	80	38	59	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.50	-0.70
Shirley Basin	74	15	43	-3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	11.47	3.02
District 5									
Buford	83	31	54	7	0.00	0.35	-0.35	13.29	0.59
Cheyenne	80	34	58	4	0.00	0.32	-0.32	16.04	2.64
Chugwater	85	29	57	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	14.56	1.31
Douglas	87	27	57	3	0.00	0.27	-0.27	10.57	0.04
Lance Creek	87	27	56	-2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	12.74	1.40
Old Fort Laramie	86	25	54	-3	0.00	0.23	-0.23	13.53	2.12
Torrington	90	31	60	3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	14.62	2.86
Wheatland	86	29	59	0	0.00	0.28	-0.28	14.66	3.49

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