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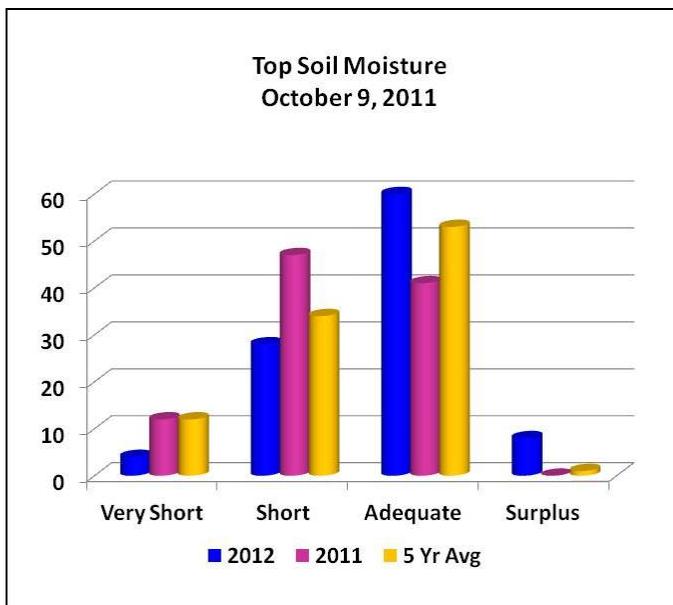
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**Week of October 3 – 9, 2011**

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm, dry conditions early in the week followed by cool, wet conditions.

Warm and dry weather dominated most of the State during the first part of the week. Snow, rain, and cooler temperatures finished the week. Heavy moisture fell across most of the State. Big Horn County reported over two inches of rainfall at the end of the week bringing sugarbeet harvest to a halt. Crook County reported rain, hail, and snow on Thursday and Friday. Fremont County recorded its first snow of the season and first rain in a long time. Lincoln County reported eight inches of snow with two-foot drifts in the mountains. The ground is saturated. Converse County reported over an inch of moisture which will help late season grazing. Platte County reported high winds, rain and cooler temperatures. Winter wheat looks good. Activities for the week include: hay, silage, and sugarbeet harvest, windrowing beans and moving livestock. High temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 80s. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 20s to the high 30s.



**SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES**

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	4	9	12	12
Short	28	46	47	34
Adequate	60	45	41	53
Surplus	8	0	0	1

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** Days suitable for field work were 5.2. Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was up 23 percent compared to last week's estimate and was above both last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat was 91 percent emerged, 13 percent above last year and 1 percent below the 5-year average. Sugarbeet harvest was 21 percent completed, below last year but ahead of the 5-year average. Corn progress was behind last year but ahead of the average as 14 percent of the corn had been harvested. Corn silage harvest at 88 percent was ahead of last year but behind the average for this time of year. Alfalfa hay harvest, at 74 percent for the 3rd cutting, was behind both last year and the 5-year average. Dry bean harvest, at 83 percent, was ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Crop conditions of percent good or excellent were unchanged from last week for sugarbeets, but were down slightly for alfalfa and corn.

**CROP PROGRESS TABLE**

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	70	78	92
Dry Beans Windrowed	97	94	95	93
Dry Beans Combined	83	71	79	75
Sugarbeets Harvested	21	13	26	18
Corn Mature	94	78	85	69
Corn Harvested	14	3	33	10
Corn Silage Harvested	88	70	82	91
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	74	62	76	77

**CROP CONDITION**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	2	98	0
Corn	0	0	19	80	1
Sugarbeets	0	0	35	60	5
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	18	80	2

**PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture conditions reported good or excellent were 57 percent, down 2 percent from last week. This is above last year and the 5-year average. Hay and roughage supplies of adequate or better were at 93 percent. Sixty-five percent of the cattle and 57 percent of the sheep had been moved from summer pastures. Ninety-three percent of the cattle and calves were rated as in good or excellent condition. Sheep and lamb rated as being in good or excellent condition were 85 and 94 percent respectively.

**RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	3	1	10
Poor	12	12	11	18
Fair	28	26	36	36
Good	52	54	44	32
Excellent	5	5	8	4



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Weekly air temperatures averaged at or above normal for all but two of the 33 reporting stations. Temperatures average ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Evanston to 11 degrees above normal at Greybull. The high temperature for the State was 89 degrees at Lance Creek and Torrington while a State low of 24 degrees was recorded at Laramie. Big Horn recorded the most precipitation for the week with 3.35 inches, 3.00 inches above normal for the reference week and raising the cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011 to 9.69 inches above normal. All 33 of the reporting stations recorded some precipitation for the week. Big Horn is the location with the highest cumulative precipitation above normal since January 1 while Big Piney is the furthest behind at 2.08 inches below normal. Twenty-five reporting stations have recorded above normal cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011.

**Weather Data for the Week Ending October 9, 2011 <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	81	32	55	4	1.03	0.21	0.82	13.36	3.92
Dubois	74	31	46	2	0.57	0.18	0.39	13.04	4.73
Greybull	85	36	60	11	2.17	0.14	2.03	9.89	3.44
Jeffrey City	78	31	50	3	0.30	0.21	0.09	7.58	-1.47
Lake Yellowstone	68	26	41	4	0.72	0.28	0.44	20.81	4.74
Lander	83	32	56	6	1.30	0.35	0.95	13.10	2.21
Powell	86	29	56	8	1.25	0.14	1.11	7.93	1.68
Riverton	81	32	56	6	1.69	0.14	1.55	10.23	3.34
Worland	87	37	59	8	1.29	0.21	1.08	9.90	3.03
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	87	35	58	10	3.35	0.35	3.00	21.97	9.69
Buffalo-Johnson	86	38	59	10	1.03	0.28	0.75	13.80	1.96
Gillette	87	38	59	10	0.56	0.40	0.16	15.52	1.52
Midwest	86	37	58	7	1.00	0.28	0.72	12.76	1.17
Newcastle	88	38	60	9	1.06	0.29	0.77	17.89	4.08
Sheridan	87	38	60	10	2.76	0.35	2.41	16.06	3.66
Sundance	84	39	58	9	0.32	0.35	-0.03	18.33	2.33
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	75	29	46	5	0.25	0.14	0.11	4.21	-2.08
Evanston	72	29	45	-2	0.23	0.28	-0.05	7.30	-1.93
Jackson Hole	72	32	46	3	0.90	0.24	0.66	14.21	-1.74
Thayne	76	31	48	4	1.04	0.35	0.69	15.00	0.79
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	84	34	57	7	1.11	0.28	0.83	10.57	-0.24
Laramie	75	24	48	3	0.33	0.21	0.12	7.80	-1.94
Rawlins	78	27	49	-1	0.44	0.21	0.23	6.47	-1.54
Rock Springs	75	31	49	2	0.58	0.21	0.37	7.08	-0.54
Shirley Basin	74	27	46	6	1.17	0.21	0.96	12.77	3.90
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	81	33	54	10	0.91	0.23	0.68	14.20	0.98
Cheyenne	82	33	55	6	0.55	0.21	0.34	16.59	2.71
Chugwater	84	33	55	6	2.17	0.21	1.96	16.50	2.78
Douglas	86	34	58	8	1.17	0.21	0.96	11.74	0.79
Lance Creek	89	36	58	6	0.68	0.27	0.41	13.42	1.58
Old Fort Laramie	87	32	55	5	1.40	0.21	1.19	14.93	3.10
Torrington	89	37	60	8	1.53	0.25	1.28	16.15	3.86
Wheatland	83	35	55	2	1.09	0.23	0.86	15.75	4.07

<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