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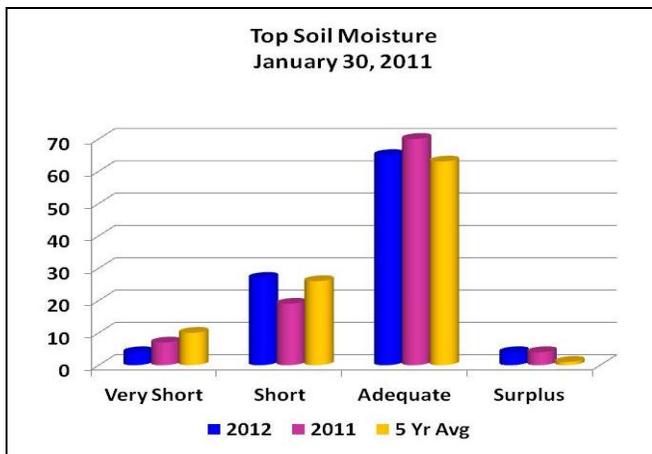
Month of February 2012

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mixed conditions across the State.

Most of the north and western areas of Wyoming had above normal temperatures and below normal moisture during February while eastern and southern areas had below normal temperatures and above normal moisture. Converse County reported colder and wetter than normal conditions have left snow pack at 100 percent of normal. Platte County reported that high winds have plagued the county and temperatures have been pretty normal and moisture levels light. Wheat looks good but some plants have brown edges due to wind damage. Statewide, high temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 60s. Low temperatures ranged from 17 below zero to 10 above.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 1/30	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	4	7	9
Short	26	27	9	24
Adequate	69	65	84	66
Surplus	2	4	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	8	8	11	21
Short	26	23	28	30
Adequate	64	69	61	48
Surplus	2	0	0	1



FIELD CROP REPORT: Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was 71 percent, up 2 percent from the last report on January 30th. Subsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was 66 percent, down 3 percent from the January 30th report. Average snow depth was 1.9 inches. Wheat condition, rated good to excellent, was 67 percent, down 15 percent from January 30th. Winter wheat losses due to wind were rated 15 percent moderate, 34 percent light and 51 percent none. Winter wheat losses due to freezing were rated 2 percent moderate, 3 percent light, and 95 percent none.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	2	31	67	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Shearing of farm flocks was 13 percent complete by February 26th. Farm flock ewes lambing was 14 percent complete. Lamb losses were 79 percent light and 21 percent normal. Sheep condition, rated good to excellent, was 93 percent. Cattle condition, rated good to excellent, was 96 percent. Calf losses were 65 percent light and 35 percent normal. Spring calves born was 12 percent complete. Spring grazing prospects rated good to excellent were 51 percent. Stock water supplies rated adequate to surplus were 91 percent, up 3 percent from January 30th. Hay and roughage supplies, rated adequate to surplus, were 95 percent, up 4 points from January 30th.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Month	As of 1/30	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	12	2	13	15
Farm Flock Ewes Lambing	14	4	23	20
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	13	7	20	20

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 1/30	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	1	5
Short	9	12	5	17
Adequate	91	88	92	78
Surplus	0	0	2	0

HAY & ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 1/30	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	4	4
Short	5	9	12	23
Adequate	93	89	81	71
Surplus	2	2	3	2



WEATHER SUMMARY: February air temperatures averaged at or above normal for 19 reporting stations. Temperature averages ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Greybull, Sheridan, and Rock Springs to 5 degrees below normal at Wheatland and Jeffrey City. The high temperature for the State was 60 degrees at Torrington while a low of -17 degrees was recorded at Lake Yellowstone and Shirley Basin. Lake Yellowstone recorded the most precipitation for the month with 1.99 inches, 0.62 inches above normal for the reference month. Twenty stations reported greater than normal precipitation for the month. Twelve of the 33 reporting stations have recorded above normal precipitation since January 1, 2012.

Weather Data for the Month Ending February 26, 2012 ^{1/}

	Monthly Air Temperature				Monthly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	50	7	29	-1	0.14	0.25	-0.11	0.42	-0.29
Dubois	42	-3	21	-4	0.20	0.26	-0.06	0.28	-0.26
Greybull	51	1	29	5	0.46	0.32	0.14	0.48	-0.31
Jeffrey City	42	-14	17	-5	0.74	0.31	0.43	1.17	0.45
Lake Yellowstone	41	-17	17	4	1.99	1.37	0.62	3.93	0.65
Lander	52	10	28	3	0.67	0.50	0.17	1.11	0.09
Powell	50	6	26	2	0.31	0.08	0.23	0.43	0.15
Riverton	56	8	27	2	0.13	0.17	-0.04	0.24	-0.12
Worland	55	6	28	3	0.15	0.17	-0.02	0.18	-0.27
District 2									
Big Horn	51	0	27	1	0.74	0.52	0.22	1.02	-0.27
Buffalo-Johnson	47	6	28	3	0.48	0.35	0.13	0.70	-0.10
Gillette	46	-14	27	1	1.29	0.51	0.78	2.12	1.07
Mid-West	52	6	27	-1	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.95	-0.14
Newcastle	51	4	27	2	0.79	0.54	0.25	0.92	-0.06
Sheridan	52	3	29	5	0.67	0.34	0.33	1.06	0.21
Sundance	44	-6	25	2	1.38	0.64	0.74	2.18	0.85
District 3									
Big Piney	41	-12	15	2	0.04	0.30	-0.26	0.44	-0.31
Evanston	41	4	24	3	0.01	0.56	-0.55	0.10	-1.14
Jackson Hole	39	-11	16	-1	1.14	1.97	-0.83	3.30	-1.23
Thayne	41	-1	21	3	0.94	1.11	-0.17	2.38	-0.19
District 4									
Casper	49	9	27	1	0.73	0.58	0.15	1.78	0.62
Laramie	42	-1	21	-3	0.43	0.42	0.01	0.43	-0.37
Rawlins	40	3	23	-4	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.57	-0.49
Rock Springs	44	10	26	5	0.45	0.48	-0.03	0.63	-0.46
Shirley Basin	39	-17	13	-4	1.72	0.36	1.36	2.27	1.54
District 5									
Buford	52	0	24	-1	1.32	0.53	0.79	2.00	0.90
Cheyenne	53	5	26	-3	0.54	0.40	0.14	0.59	-0.26
Chugwater	52	-1	26	-3	1.38	0.52	0.86	1.97	0.86
Douglas	52	5	28	0	0.37	0.38	-0.01	0.58	-0.18
Lance Creek	54	-5	26	-3	0.47	0.38	0.09	0.57	-0.05
Old Fort Laramie	57	-4	26	-4	0.39	0.33	0.06	0.53	-0.03
Torrington	60	8	30	2	0.33	0.36	-0.03	0.61	-0.06
Wheatland	58	7	28	-5	0.45	0.26	0.19	0.94	0.46

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