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**Month of March 2012**

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm, dry conditions prevailed across the State.

Wyoming experienced above normal temperatures and below normal moisture for most of March. Weston County experienced above normal temperatures and the last measureable moisture received was in late February. Conditions are very dusty and fire danger is high. Some green up has occurred due to warm temperatures. Uinta County reported snowpack below 100 percent and a need for moisture. Albany County reported unseasonably warm and dry. Open winter conditions have left livestock in good condition and hay supplies in good shape. Concern is for summer grazing conditions. Statewide, high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 80s. Low temperatures ranged from 13 below zero to 20 above.

**SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES**

	This Month	As of 2/27	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	7	3	1	9
Short	36	26	12	25
Adequate	57	69	83	64
Surplus	0	2	4	2
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	10	8	6	18
Short	33	26	23	28
Adequate	57	64	71	53
Surplus	0	2	0	1

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was 57 percent, down 14 percent from the last report on February 27th. Subsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was 57 percent, down 9 percent from the February report. Average snow depth was 0.4 inches. Barley planted was reported to be 34 percent complete compared to 3 percent last year and the 5-year average of 17 percent. Wheat condition, rated good to excellent, was 71 percent, up 4 percent from February 27th. Winter wheat losses due to wind were rated 13 percent moderate, 38 percent light and 49 percent none. Winter wheat losses due to freezing were rated 11 percent light, and 89 percent none.

**CROP CONDITION TABLE**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	29	71	0

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT:** Shearing of farm flocks was 29 percent complete as of March 25th. Farm flock ewes lambded was 34 percent complete. Range flock shearing was 6 percent complete. Range flock ewes lambded was 2 percent complete. Lamb losses were 49 percent light and 51 percent normal. Sheep and lamb condition, rated good to excellent, was 92 and 95 percent respectively. Cattle and calf condition, rated good to excellent, was 95 and 99 percent respectively. Calf losses were 42 percent light and 58 percent normal. Spring calves born was 29 percent complete. Spring grazing prospects, rated good to excellent, were 39 percent, down 12 percent from February 27th. Stock water supplies, rated adequate to surplus, were 89 percent, down 2 percent from February 27th. Hay and roughage supplies, rated adequate to surplus, were 91 percent, down 4 points from February 27th. Range and pasture condition, rated good to excellent, was 51 percent.

**LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE**

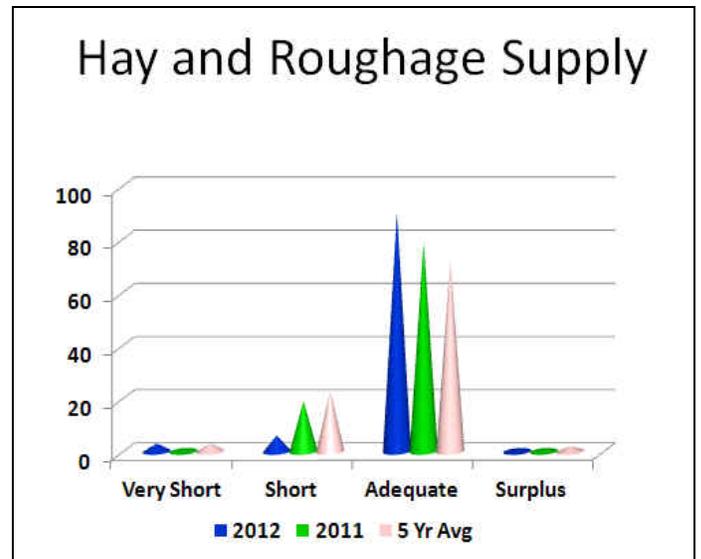
	This Month	As of 2/27	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	29	12	41	43
Farm Flock Ewes Lambded	34	14	44	44
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	29	13	38	42
Range Flock Ewes Lambded	2	N/A	4	6
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	6	N/A	16	18

**STOCK WATER SUPPLIES**

	This Month	As of 2/27	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	0	0	N/A
Short	10	9	4	N/A
Adequate	84	91	92	N/A
Surplus	5	0	4	N/A

**HAY & ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES**

	This Month	As of 2/27	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	3	0	1	3
Short	6	5	19	23
Adequate	90	93	79	72
Surplus	1	2	1	2



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** March air temperatures averaged at or above normal for all 33 reporting stations. Temperature averages ranged from 13 degrees above normal at Buford to 5 degrees above normal at Dubois and Rawlins. The high temperature for the State was 80 degrees at Torrington while a low of -13 degrees was recorded at Shirley Basin. Lake Yellowstone recorded the most precipitation for the month with 2.47 inches, 1.43 inches above normal for the reference month. Lake Yellowstone and Powell were the only stations that reported greater than normal precipitation for the month. Eleven of the 33 reporting stations have recorded at or above normal precipitation since January 1, 2012.

### Weather Data for the Month Ending March 25, 2012 <sup>1/</sup>

	Monthly Air Temperature				Monthly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	72	16	44	8	0.15	0.39	-0.24	0.60	-0.53
Dubois	66	4	34	5	0.30	0.32	-0.02	0.82	-0.05
Greybull	79	20	44	10	0.06	0.25	-0.19	0.70	-0.37
Jeffrey City	71	-3	36	6	0.15	0.68	-0.53	1.70	0.24
Lake Yellowstone	62	10	37	19	2.47	1.43	1.04	6.60	1.72
Lander	75	15	44	10	0.36	0.96	-0.60	1.67	-0.38
Powell	74	9	40	6	0.42	0.25	0.17	0.81	0.25
Riverton	75	11	43	8	0.03	0.25	-0.22	0.55	-0.09
Worland	78	10	43	7	0.05	0.35	-0.30	0.25	-0.58
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	79	10	43	9	0.66	0.78	-0.12	1.94	-0.20
Buffalo-Johnson	76	16	45	11	0.06	0.56	-0.50	0.93	-0.48
Gillette	78	15	44	10	0.03	0.72	-0.69	2.44	0.61
Mid-West	77	13	42	7	0.24	0.73	-0.49	1.27	-0.63
Newcastle	76	15	43	9	0.01	0.58	-0.57	1.27	-0.35
Sheridan	76	15	44	11	0.46	0.65	-0.19	1.79	0.23
Sundance	74	10	43	12	0.16	0.70	-0.54	2.48	0.39
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	67	-6	32	8	0.02	0.48	-0.46	0.52	-0.76
Evanston	65	10	35	6	0.01	0.72	-0.71	0.15	-1.89
Jackson Hole	59	3	30	6	1.05	1.35	-0.30	4.50	-1.58
Thayne	64	2	33	6	0.86	1.15	-0.29	3.55	-0.29
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	76	11	42	9	0.33	0.72	-0.39	2.26	0.30
Laramie	71	4	37	8	0.00	0.62	-0.62	0.52	-0.96
Rawlins	71	6	38	5	0.06	0.50	-0.44	0.77	-0.83
Rock Springs	67	15	39	9	0.01	0.61	-0.60	0.74	-1.02
Shirley Basin	68	-13	32	9	0.13	0.39	-0.26	2.68	1.52
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	74	10	40	13	0.00	0.86	-0.86	2.14	0.09
Cheyenne	72	13	43	10	0.00	0.83	-0.83	0.61	-1.13
Chugwater	76	14	43	9	0.00	0.79	-0.79	1.97	0.01
Douglas	78	15	44	9	0.00	0.59	-0.59	0.60	-0.81
Lance Creek	78	15	43	8	0.00	0.55	-0.55	0.71	-0.52
Old Fort Laramie	79	11	42	6	0.00	0.42	-0.42	0.53	-0.48
Torrington	80	15	47	11	0.00	0.53	-0.53	0.67	-0.58
Wheatland	75	14	44	6	0.00	0.47	-0.47	1.00	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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955