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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: It was another dry week for Wyoming agricultural producers, although temperatures were cooler than last week. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at the Afton and Powell reporting stations to 15 degrees above normal at the Buford reporting station. Little precipitation was received as only 5 stations received more than half an inch of rain. Crops continue to progress ahead of last year and previous years. Lincoln County reported good weather and cold mornings with a hard freeze, and snowpack is down. Uinta County reported that runoff has begun with one reservoir full and the second one at 65 percent; valley floor conditions are dry with little moisture over the last 6 weeks. Carbon County ranchers report that they are on limited water allotments due to limited water from runoff. Growing conditions in Converse County are approximately 3 weeks ahead of normal. Activities included planting small grains and some row crops, feeding livestock, shearing sheep, lambing & calving.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	10	9	0	2
Short	36	39	11	14
Adequate	54	52	78	76
Surplus	0	0	11	8

FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 6.1. Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was 54 percent, up 2 percent from last week. Thirty-six percent was rated short and 10 percent rated very short. Barley planted was 92 percent complete, up 4 percent from last week and compared to 79 percent last year and the 5-year average of 78 percent. Seventy-seven percent of the barley was emerged, 14 percent more than last week. Sixty-eight percent of the oats have been planted, up 10 percent from last week and compared to 58 percent last year and the 5-year average of 58 percent. Forty percent of the oats were reported emerged. As of Sunday, spring wheat planting was 70 percent complete which is 41 points ahead of last year and 25 points ahead of the average. Forty-three percent of the spring wheat was emerged, up 26 points from last week. Winter wheat was at 69 percent jointed. Twenty-seven percent of the corn has been planted, ahead of both last year and the average. Sugarbeets planted were at 83 percent, compared to 41 percent last year and the 5-year average of 68 percent. Seven percent of the sugarbeets have emerged, compared to 3 percent last year. Wheat condition, rated good to excellent, was 65 percent, unchanged from last week. Crop insect infestation was 12 percent light and 88 percent with no reported infestation. Irrigation water supplies are at 82 percent adequate to surplus and 18 percent short.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	1
Short	18	3	14
Adequate	81	78	78
Surplus	1	19	7

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	35	65	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	92	88	79	78
Barley Emerged	77	63	35	35
Oats Planted	68	58	58	58
Oats Emerged	40	21	18	23
Spring Wheat Planted	70	53	29	45
Spring Wheat Emerged	43	17	7	12
Winter Wheat Jointed	69	53	49	21
Sugarbeets Planted	83	63	41	68
Sugarbeets Emerged	7	2	3	7
Corn Planted	27	13	4	22
Dry Beans Planted	2	1	0	2

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Farm flock shearing and lambing were 86 and 90 percent complete respectively. Range flock shearing and lambing were 69 and 34 percent complete respectively. Lamb losses were 45 percent light and 55 percent normal. Spring calving was 87 percent complete. Calf losses were 46 percent light and 54 percent normal. Cattle condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent, 15 percent fair and 1 percent poor. Calves condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent and 10 percent fair. Sheep condition was rated 86 percent good to excellent, 13 percent fair, and 1 percent poor. Lambs condition was 89 percent good to excellent, 10 percent fair and 1 percent poor. Range and pasture condition rated good or better was 53 percent, up 2 percent from last week.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	4	4	1	1
Poor	10	8	6	12
Fair	33	37	22	32
Good	53	51	68	50
Excellent	0	0	3	5

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	87	81	88	89
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	90	86	91	90
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	86	81	88	88
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	34	28	33	41
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	69	47	69	69

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WEATHER SUMMARY: High temperatures ranged from 54 degrees in Yellowstone to 84 degrees in Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 17 degrees in Big Piney and Shirley Basin to 34 degrees in Cody. Average temperatures ranged from 39 degrees in Yellowstone to 60 degrees in Torrington. Five of the 33 reporting stations received more than half an inch of rain. Newcastle received 1.07 inches, Yellowstone at 0.73, Sundance at 0.69, Afton at 0.67 and Old Fort Laramie at 0.56 inch. The reporting stations in Lander, Douglas and Cheyenne reported no precipitation last week. Five stations reported above normal precipitation for the week, three stations reported above normal precipitation for the year; those included Sundance, Shirley Basin and Yellowstone.

Weather Data for the Week Ending May 6, 2012 ^{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	66	34	50	0	0.02	0.41	-0.39	1.01	-1.77
Dubois	64	23	44	3	0.33	0.35	-0.02	1.29	-1.19
Greybull	71	31	54	3	0.04	0.28	-0.24	1.30	-0.82
Jeffrey City	71	19	48	4	0.03	0.49	-0.46	2.38	-1.16
Lake Yellowstone	54	25	39	6	0.73	0.42	0.31	10.33	3.30
Lander	74	27	53	4	0.00	0.56	-0.56	2.74	-2.19
Powell	69	29	49	-2	0.18	0.26	-0.08	1.25	-0.12
Riverton	72	29	54	4	0.09	0.40	-0.31	1.15	-0.96
Worland	75	31	55	2	0.12	0.34	-0.22	0.71	-1.40
District 2									
Big Horn	68	28	48	-1	0.32	0.49	-0.17	4.02	-0.58
Buffalo-Johnson	70	30	50	2	0.48	0.52	-0.04	3.12	-0.57
Gillette	72	31	51	2	0.28	0.63	-0.35	4.56	-0.35
Midwest	80	29	53	4	0.14	0.56	-0.42	2.31	-2.06
Newcastle	74	33	54	3	1.07	0.52	0.55	2.96	-0.96
Sheridan	68	27	49	0	0.29	0.54	-0.25	3.47	-0.38
Sundance	74	33	52	4	0.69	0.58	0.11	5.52	0.31
District 3									
Afton	60	23	42	-2	0.67	0.49	0.18	6.01	-0.22
Big Piney	64	17	44	3	0.13	0.21	-0.08	0.82	-1.28
Evanston	66	24	47	4	0.23	0.34	-0.11	0.94	-2.72
Jackson Hole	57	23	43	2	0.36	0.42	-0.06	5.78	-2.39
District 4									
Casper	75	24	52	5	0.39	0.52	-0.13	3.65	-0.51
Laramie	75	26	50	8	0.21	0.35	-0.14	1.27	-1.77
Rawlins	74	21	49	3	0.21	0.35	-0.14	1.70	-1.44
Rock Springs	71	27	50	5	0.14	0.31	-0.17	1.49	-1.75
Shirley Basin	67	17	40	2	0.05	0.34	-0.29	2.93	0.42
District 5									
Buford	82	30	56	15	0.01	0.46	-0.45	2.82	-1.60
Cheyenne	80	32	56	10	0.00	0.53	-0.53	0.99	-3.03
Chugwater	82	30	56	9	0.02	0.63	-0.61	2.35	-2.03
Douglas	80	24	54	6	0.00	0.56	-0.56	1.81	-1.97
Lance Creek	78	28	54	4	0.25	0.49	-0.24	1.61	-1.95
Old Fort Laramie	83	25	54	3	0.56	0.49	0.07	1.70	-1.78
Torrington	84	32	60	8	0.17	0.56	-0.39	1.56	-2.09
Wheatland	81	30	56	5	0.14	0.53	-0.39	1.98	-1.16

^{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