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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Crop and range and pasture conditions decline from the previous week due to the minimal precipitation and above normal temperatures. Crops continue to advance rapidly past previous year's averages.

High temperatures ranged from 67 degrees in Yellowstone to 90 degrees in Midwest and Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 23 degrees in Shirley Basin to 38 degrees in Lander and Greybull. The most recent SNOTEL report showed snow water equivalent as 22 percent of average on May 21st, compared to 220 percent the same week last year. There were reports of weevil infestation in Sheridan County. Lincoln County needs rain to keep the range grasses coming. The Uinta County tour shows very dry conditions; where there is irrigation water hay meadows are slowly showing some growth with grass hay headed out on short stalks in some locations. Rangeland grazing is very, very dry and lack of moisture continues. In some areas, livestock are grazing hay meadows with reports that some producers may not be able to harvest a hay crop. BLM grazing is limited with most areas showing little sign of green grass. Albany County was reported as dry and windy with virtually no pasture grass. Irrigation water is becoming very short. Livestock are being moved to pasture which will be short-lived without rain. Converse County reported hot summer conditions. In Platte County the drought is still ongoing. Chances of rain dissipated over the weekend. Cattle are being sold instead of going to summer pastures. Some crops are being irrigated and irrigation water is being used early and could cause a shortage later. Hay crop and grasslands are reported as short. Farm activities included planting dry beans, beginning alfalfa harvest, spraying crops, assisting with lambing, wrapping up sheep shearing, moving cattle and sheep to summer pastures, and setting up irrigation equipment.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	13	14	0	1
Short	41	40	11	15
Adequate	45	45	71	76
Surplus	1	1	18	8

FIELD CROP REPORT: Last week allowed 6.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture remains unchanged from last week at 54 percent very short to short. Seventy-five percent of barley was reported as jointed, 26 points ahead of the previous week. Winter wheat advanced to 67 percent headed, well ahead of the 5-year average of 20 percent. Dry beans planted advanced to 82 percent complete, ahead of 22 percent last year and 54 percent for the average. Other hay condition showed a significant decrease at 23 percent poor to very poor, up from 14 percent the previous week. Corn condition also decreased as 10 percent of the crop was reported poor to very poor.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 5/7	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	5	0	0	1
Short	31	18	0	10
Adequate	63	81	79	81
Surplus	1	1	21	8

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Barley	0	4	42	52	2
Oats	1	4	60	35	0
Spring Wheat	2	4	54	40	0
Winter Wheat	1	7	48	44	0
Corn	0	10	57	32	1
Sugarbeets	0	0	40	58	2
Alfalfa Hay	3	14	32	50	1
Other Hay	3	20	47	29	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Jointed	75	49	12	26
Barley Boot	22	11	0	3
Oats Emerged	92	82	45	64
Oats Jointed	38	21	9	21
Oats Boot	11	6	2	7
Spring Wheat Emerged	94	84	27	61
Spring Wheat Jointed	51	10	4	21
Spring Wheat Boot	3	0	0	4
Winter Wheat Jointed	94	89	71	86
Winter Wheat Boot	78	70	34	51
Winter Wheat Headed	67	17	0	20
Sugarbeets Emerged	83	66	39	64
Corn Emerged	85	75	26	58
Dry Beans Planted	82	48	22	54
Dry Beans Emerged	18	6	1	10
Alfalfa 1st Cutting	5	0	1	3

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Producers are moving cattle and sheep to summer pastures earlier than normal due to decreasing range and pasture conditions. Range and pasture condition was rated 46 percent poor to very poor. Seventy-five percent of range flock ewes have lambed and range shearing is reported as complete.

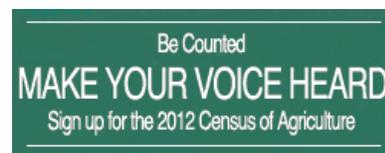
LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	75	63	68	76
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	99	94	97	95

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	11	7	0	0
Poor	35	28	6	5
Fair	34	41	8	26
Good	20	23	77	60
Excellent	0	1	9	9

<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>



WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below average at the Powell reporting station and 9 degrees above average at the Buford reporting station. Only 7 reporting stations received more than a quarter inch of rain last week with the most being 0.57 inch reported at the Big Horn station. This was the only station reporting above normal precipitation for the week. Yellowstone and Big Horn are the only stations reporting above normal precipitation for the year, thus far.

Weather Data for the Week Ending June 3, 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	77	36	54	-4	0.40	0.42	-0.02	2.77	-1.80
Dubois	75	31	51	1	0.01	0.32	-0.31	3.00	-0.93
Greybull	85	38	60	-2	0.06	0.34	-0.28	1.93	-1.53
Jeffrey City	81	31	55	1	0.00	0.39	-0.39	3.00	-2.51
Lake Yellowstone	67	27	44	2	0.32	0.49	-0.17	12.37	3.42
Lander	82	38	59	1	0.02	0.41	-0.39	4.60	-2.37
Powell	80	35	53	-6	0.17	0.35	-0.18	2.36	-0.37
Riverton	83	36	59	2	0.00	0.32	-0.32	2.11	-1.56
Worland	87	35	60	-3	0.03	0.35	-0.32	1.66	-1.93
District 2									
Big Horn	86	33	54	-4	0.57	0.56	0.01	6.90	0.06
Buffalo-Johnson	84	33	55	-4	0.19	0.56	-0.37	5.13	-0.80
Gillette	85	33	56	-4	0.27	0.63	-0.36	6.52	-1.05
Midwest	90	34	58	-2	0.02	0.55	-0.53	3.56	-3.11
Newcastle	85	33	56	-5	0.24	0.63	-0.39	5.20	-1.11
Sheridan	86	31	56	-3	0.50	0.64	-0.14	5.85	-0.50
Sundance	83	31	57	-2	0.40	0.70	-0.30	6.71	-1.08
District 3									
Afton	76	29	51	-1	0.29	0.44	-0.15	7.45	-0.72
Big Piney	80	26	51	1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	1.05	-1.97
Evanston	82	30	55	4	0.01	0.28	-0.27	1.27	-3.68
Jackson Hole	75	30	51	1	0.17	0.43	-0.26	6.66	-3.36
District 4									
Casper	88	32	58	0	0.00	0.46	-0.46	5.01	-1.26
Laramie	77	28	54	2	0.01	0.35	-0.34	1.78	-2.78
Rawlins	83	33	57	0	0.00	0.27	-0.27	2.08	-2.35
Rock Springs	82	36	59	4	0.00	0.22	-0.22	1.56	-2.85
Shirley Basin	77	23	49	-1	0.02	0.35	-0.33	3.46	-0.52
District 5									
Buford	82	34	58	9	0.10	0.42	-0.32	3.62	-2.59
Cheyenne	81	33	58	2	0.07	0.54	-0.47	1.35	-4.92
Chugwater	86	33	59	3	0.06	0.60	-0.54	2.53	-4.54
Douglas	89	33	59	1	0.04	0.45	-0.41	2.69	-3.27
Lance Creek	89	34	58	-3	0.07	0.55	-0.48	3.03	-2.69
Old Fort Laramie	89	31	58	-4	0.12	0.56	-0.44	2.23	-3.36
Torrington	90	35	62	0	0.02	0.56	-0.54	1.99	-3.96
Wheatland	88	34	61	0	0.00	0.54	-0.54	2.59	-2.79

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

In progress – NASS’s annual June Survey on crops and livestock. Your responses are the foundation for all estimates in the coming growing year. The first release is in the Acreage report on June 29. Please respond. Your information matters!