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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: No relief for Wyoming agriculture producers last week as parts of the state reached triple digit temperatures with less than normal rainfall. High temperatures ranged from 80 degrees in Yellowstone to 104 degrees in Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 27 degrees in Yellowstone to 47 degrees in Buford.

Weather conditions allowed for 6.8 days of field work. Farm activities included hauling water to livestock, moving cattle to pastures or markets, harvesting hay and spraying crops. In Weston County, much of the hay production is not worth cutting and rangeland is not rejuvenating. Once grazed, there has not been any re-growth. Pastures are lasting about one-third to one-half as long as normal. Cattle, particularly yearlings, are either being sold or completely dispersed. Cow-calf pairs are being culled down to the very best cows. Uinta County reported hot, dry and windy daytime conditions continue. Early morning frost is still occurring. Irrigation water is dwindling and side streams are running low. Springs are dry, livestock ponds are dry, water hauling is occurring in some locations. Livestock are being sold. Hay meadows are short. Several producers turned livestock into hay meadows because there was nowhere else to go. Therefore, several will not cut hay and most expect less than 50 percent of their normal crop. Carbon County continues to have high temperatures with moderate to severe winds and no moisture. This has hindered the hay and grazing ground along with limited water supplies. Livestock producers are hauling water to livestock in many areas; and/or shipping to other "fall" pastures or liquidating. Platte County continues to have high, hot winds with little rain. Crops are behind because of the lack of moisture. Irrigation water is getting tight in some areas. High winds last week with 90 degree temperatures are not helping the situation.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

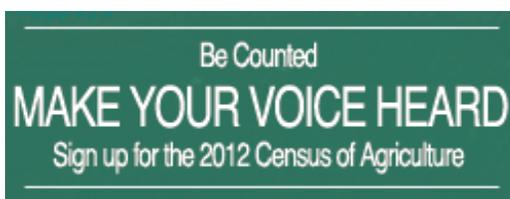
Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	32	26	1	1
Short	41	45	13	17
Adequate	27	28	67	73
Surplus	0	1	19	9

FIELD CROP REPORT: Topsoil moisture supplies worsened to 73 percent short to very short and 27 percent adequate. There are also concerns about irrigation water supplies as they were reported 45 percent short to very short and 55 percent adequate.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 6/11	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	17	7	0	2
Short	28	33	0	7
Adequate	55	59	74	78
Surplus	0	1	26	13

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CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Barley	1	3	44	50	2
Oats	3	8	61	28	0
Spring Wheat	5	9	48	38	0
Winter Wheat	3	26	57	14	0
Corn	1	16	54	28	1
Sugarbeets	0	1	43	50	6
Dry Beans	0	0	52	48	0
Alfalfa Hay	8	20	37	34	1
Other Hay	7	25	47	20	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Jointed	94	90	55	73
Barley Boot	79	71	29	44
Barley Headed	60	48	17	26
Oats Jointed	80	71	38	60
Oats Boot	61	49	13	33
Oats Headed	30	11	9	17
Spring Wheat Jointed	94	91	35	67
Spring Wheat Boot	89	54	5	32
Spring Wheat Headed	48	3	1	10
Winter Wheat Headed	90	83	67	81
Winter Wheat Turn Color	68	48	1	11
Corn Average Height	10	7	5	9
Dry Beans Emerged	92	75	37	66
Dry Beans Bloom	2	0	0	1
Alfalfa 1st Cutting	54	35	19	26
Other Hay Harvested	14	9	4	6

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Ninety-seven percent of range flock ewes have lambed. Livestock condition was reported as 11 percent poor to very poor, 27 percent fair and 62 percent good to excellent. Range and pasture condition continues to worsen at 66 percent poor to very poor, 26 percent fair, and 8 percent good. It was reported that producers are hauling water to cattle and moving some cattle to markets.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	97	93	95	96

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	31	22	0	0
Poor	35	37	4	4
Fair	26	32	16	22
Good	8	9	68	59
Excellent	0	0	12	15

WEATHER SUMMARY: Last week, the following locations reached triple digits: Worland, Wheatland, Midwest, Fort Laramie, Douglas and Torrington. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below average in Dubois to 16 degrees above average in Buford. The Torrington reporting station received 0.92 inch of rain, the only station receiving more than half an inch of rain. Twenty-eight reporting stations received less than a tenth-inch of rain. Five reporting stations are more than 4 inches below normal for the year; those include Jackson Hole, Evanston, Fort Laramie and Cheyenne.

Weather Data for the Week Ending June 24, 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	86	41	64	0	0.00	0.35	-0.35	2.77	-2.90
Dubois	86	29	55	-1	0.03	0.27	-0.24	3.04	-1.72
Greybull	99	46	71	4	0.01	0.23	-0.22	2.04	-2.21
Jeffrey City	93	41	65	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.00	-3.23
Lake Yellowstone	80	27	50	2	0.02	0.49	-0.47	12.87	2.45
Lander	96	43	70	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.62	-3.13
Powell	88	40	66	2	0.00	0.28	-0.28	3.22	-0.43
Riverton	95	44	70	6	0.00	0.18	-0.18	2.11	-2.20
Worland	100	42	70	2	0.02	0.21	-0.19	1.68	-2.67
District 2									
Big Horn	92	41	65	2	0.06	0.43	-0.37	7.10	-1.17
Buffalo-Johnson	94	44	67	2	0.03	0.48	-0.45	5.82	-1.62
Gillette	97	38	67	2	0.06	0.51	-0.45	6.99	-2.28
Midwest	101	41	69	4	0.00	0.42	-0.42	3.96	-4.07
Newcastle	93	43	69	2	0.09	0.56	-0.47	5.83	-2.16
Sheridan	93	39	66	2	0.01	0.55	-0.54	5.93	-2.21
Sundance	97	40	68	5	0.04	0.70	-0.66	7.46	-2.54
District 3									
Afton	87	31	58	2	0.00	0.31	-0.31	7.46	-1.74
Big Piney	90	28	58	2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	1.05	-2.45
Evanston	88	38	65	8	0.00	0.21	-0.21	1.27	-4.33
Jackson Hole	86	28	57	2	0.00	0.36	-0.36	6.89	-4.33
District 4									
Casper	98	37	68	4	0.02	0.28	-0.26	5.28	-1.97
Laramie	92	38	66	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	1.94	-3.51
Rawlins	94	40	68	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.08	-2.98
Rock Springs	91	40	68	7	0.00	0.14	-0.14	1.56	-3.30
Shirley Basin	98	38	65	10	0.08	0.34	-0.26	3.80	-1.18
District 5									
Buford	97	47	71	16	0.00	0.39	-0.39	4.17	-3.13
Cheyenne	96	45	70	7	0.00	0.49	-0.49	3.59	-4.15
Chugwater	99	42	71	8	0.17	0.42	-0.25	5.36	-3.09
Douglas	102	42	71	6	0.00	0.28	-0.28	2.97	-3.94
Lance Creek	97	38	70	4	0.17	0.49	-0.32	3.37	-3.82
Old Fort Laramie	102	39	71	4	0.32	0.51	-0.19	2.98	-4.24
Torrington	104	46	75	7	0.92	0.48	0.44	4.11	-3.31
Wheatland	100	44	73	5	0.42	0.42	0.00	3.69	-3.08

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