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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest is in full swing as producers continue to endure high temperatures and limited precipitation.

High temperatures ranged from 80 degrees in Yellowstone to 100 degrees in Lance Creek and Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 38 degrees in Yellowstone to 60 degrees in Wheatland. Carbon County reported that hay production is short. Several producers have sold some livestock and are hauling water due to dried up ponds and springs. Natrona County reported abnormally dry summer conditions. Lincoln County reported cool nighttime temperatures and hot daytime temperatures. Crops are struggling although they are receiving some afternoon thunderstorms.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	39	40	1	7
Short	48	40	29	31
Adequate	13	20	63	60
Surplus	0	0	7	2
Subsoil	This Week	As of 7/16	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	41	35	5	14
Short	47	51	24	29
Adequate	12	14	70	57
Surplus	0	0	1	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: Thirty-two percent of the barley has been harvested, ahead of 14 percent last year and 11 percent for the 5-year average. Ten percent of the oats have been harvested, ahead of 9 percent last year and 4 percent for the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvest is 23 percent complete, compared to 2 percent last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat harvest is nearly complete at 98 percent, ahead of 25 percent last year and 51 percent for the 5-year average. The alfalfa second cutting is 43 percent complete and 65 percent of the other hay harvest is complete.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Turning Color	88	80	66	63
Barley Mature	72	55	39	34
Barley Harvested	32	13	14	11
Oats Headed	96	92	70	80
Oats Turning Color	68	52	37	47
Oats Mature	43	14	22	24
Oats Harvested	10	0	9	4
Spring Wheat Mature	63	21	9	17
Spring Wheat Harvested	23	0	2	2
Winter Wheat Harvested	98	86	25	51
Corn Tasseled	79	49	60	54
Corn Silked	26	4	11	10
Dry Beans Bloom	71	60	69	64
Dry Beans Setting Pod	37	26	36	27
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	43	22	16	20
Other Hay Harvested	65	59	58	59

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Barley	1	5	46	46	2
Oats	6	23	54	17	0
Spring Wheat	7	50	29	14	0
Corn	3	17	46	33	1
Sugarbeets	0	0	43	51	6
Dry Beans	0	5	52	40	3
Alfalfa Hay	12	19	32	36	1
Other Hay	12	26	38	24	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock producers are looking for relief as range and pasture condition declined to 78 percent poor to very poor, 18 percent fair and 4 percent good. Stock water supplies declined further to 64 percent short to very short, and 36 percent adequate.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	48	41	0	1
Poor	30	32	4	9
Fair	18	22	17	25
Good	4	5	70	55
Excellent	0	0	9	10

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 7/16	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	22	18	0	3
Short	42	39	7	15
Adequate	36	43	92	80
Surplus	0	0	1	2

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures were above normal at all reporting stations with the exception of the Dubois reporting station. The Buford reporting station experienced temperatures 13 degrees above normal. Jeffrey City was the only reporting station not receiving some precipitation last week. Midwest and Sundance stations received the most precipitation with more than an inch of rain.

Weather Data for the Week Ending July 29, 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	91	52	74	4	0.10	0.23	-0.13	2.90	-4.19
Dubois	86	41	62	0	0.10	0.21	-0.11	3.98	-2.01
Greybull	99	56	79	7	0.03	0.07	-0.04	2.14	-2.83
Jeffrey City	91	47	72	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.24	-4.08
Lake Yellowstone	80	38	59	5	0.06	0.35	-0.29	14.25	1.89
Lander	93	56	75	4	0.06	0.14	-0.08	4.70	-4.02
Powell	92	49	73	4	0.07	0.18	-0.11	3.47	-1.36
Riverton	95	55	75	6	0.03	0.14	-0.11	2.15	-3.05
Worland	97	55	77	3	0.23	0.14	0.09	2.10	-3.08
District 2									
Big Horn	95	54	75	5	0.07	0.20	-0.13	9.45	-0.18
Buffalo-Johnson	92	57	75	5	0.36	0.27	0.09	7.43	-1.76
Gillette	96	50	76	4	0.12	0.27	-0.15	7.69	-3.23
Midwest	97	53	75	4	1.02	0.25	0.77	5.22	-4.41
Newcastle	95	55	77	4	0.58	0.42	0.16	7.65	-2.75
Sheridan	97	53	76	5	0.14	0.21	-0.07	6.92	-2.78
Sundance	94	59	75	5	1.09	0.42	0.67	11.38	-1.15
District 3									
Afton	85	44	63	2	0.08	0.28	-0.20	9.25	-1.55
Big Piney	84	44	64	4	0.98	0.21	0.77	2.17	-2.29
Evanston	87	53	69	7	0.35	0.20	0.15	2.32	-4.32
Jackson Hole	88	43	65	4	0.09	0.28	-0.19	7.71	-5.13
District 4									
Casper	97	52	76	6	0.71	0.27	0.44	6.29	-2.42
Laramie	88	47	68	5	0.40	0.35	0.05	3.40	-3.80
Rawlins	90	48	71	3	0.25	0.21	0.04	2.78	-3.31
Rock Springs	88	53	71	4	0.39	0.21	0.18	2.85	-3.02
Shirley Basin	86	41	64	5	0.17	0.32	-0.15	5.55	-1.15
District 5									
Buford	93	52	73	13	0.76	0.49	0.27	7.04	-2.64
Cheyenne	92	53	74	6	0.19	0.49	-0.30	6.46	-3.82
Chugwater	96	51	75	7	0.32	0.42	-0.10	6.36	-4.23
Douglas	99	52	77	6	0.09	0.34	-0.25	3.47	-5.19
Lance Creek	100	54	77	4	0.29	0.35	-0.06	4.36	-4.77
Old Fort Laramie	97	52	76	4	0.67	0.34	0.33	4.69	-4.59
Torrington	100	53	79	7	0.32	0.35	-0.03	5.34	-4.11
Wheatland	98	60	79	7	0.28	0.35	-0.07	4.86	-3.94

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.