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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures and drought conditions persist.

The drought continues in Uinta County and river levels are low. Producers are concerned about fall forage going into winter, as well as water supply for livestock. Weston County reported continued hot, dry conditions are drying out any remaining vegetation. Some areas have experienced no measurable precipitation for over a month. Lincoln County reported a good frost last week. They expect to harvest small grain crops soon, as fall has arrived. Converse County reported brutally dry, late summer conditions persisting.

Across the State, high temperatures ranged from 74 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 96 degrees at Fort Laramie and Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 30 degrees at Lake Yellowstone and Shirley Basin to 55 degrees at Newcastle.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	55	51	4	8
Short	39	41	42	37
Adequate	6	8	51	53
Surplus	0	0	3	2
Subsoil	This Week	As of 8/13	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	46	41	6	15
Short	41	44	26	32
Adequate	13	15	68	52
Surplus	0	0	0	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: Dry conditions allowed for 7 days of field work, as farmers were busy harvesting barley, oats, spring wheat, corn for silage, alfalfa and other hay. All crops are progressing ahead of previous years. Ninety-four percent of barley has matured, ahead of 85 percent last year and 87 percent for the average; 86 percent has been harvested, ahead of 80 percent last year and 69 percent for the average. Ninety-three percent of the oats have matured, compared to 71 percent last year and 81 percent for the average. Spring wheat harvest is 97 percent complete, ahead of 50 percent last year. Eighty-eight percent of the corn is in the milk stage, 52 percent in dough and 10 percent dented. Corn silage harvest is just beginning as 2 percent was reported complete.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	8	16	39	32	5
Sugarbeets	0	0	42	51	7
Dry Beans	2	4	53	35	6
Alfalfa Hay	15	17	26	40	2

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Mature	94	89	85	87
Barley Harvested	86	82	80	69
Oats Mature	93	81	71	81
Oats Harvested	81	61	52	59
Spring Wheat Harvested	97	88	50	57
Winter Wheat Planted	1	0	0	7
Corn Milk	88	50	45	52
Corn Dough	52	15	31	20
Corn Dent	10	0	2	3
Corn Silage	2	0	1	1
Dry Beans Setting Pod	93	87	88	83
Dry Beans Turn Color	47	30	35	36
Dry Beans Combined	7	0	2	2
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	88	84	72	74
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	25	4	9	6
Other Hay Harvested	89	84	87	88

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture condition declined to 84 percent poor to very poor, 13 percent fair, and 3 percent good compared to 12 percent poor to very poor, 33 percent fair and 55 percent good to excellent last year.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	55	52	1	1
Poor	29	30	9	11
Fair	13	15	21	33
Good	3	3	62	47
Excellent	0	0	7	8

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 8/13	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	27	29	1	4
Short	33	40	15	17
Adequate	40	31	84	78
Surplus	0	0	0	1

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!



WEATHER SUMMARY: Average temperatures ranged from 55 degrees in Lake Yellowstone to 75 degrees in Newcastle. The Buford reporting station experienced temperatures 11 degrees above normal last week. Temperatures were above average in all locations except Dubois and Fort Laramie. It was a very dry week, as the Buford reporting station was the only station receiving more than a tenth-inch of rain. The Southeast part of the State is extremely dry as the reporting stations ranged from 3.71 to 5.73 inches below normal. During the same week last year, only eight of the reporting stations reported below normal precipitation for the year compared to 32 this year.

Weather Data for the Week Ending August 26, 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	90	43	70	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.99	-4.91
Dubois	83	34	58	0	0.03	0.21	-0.18	4.05	-2.70
Greybull	94	47	74	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.31	-3.05
Jeffrey City	87	41	67	4	0.00	0.14	-0.14	3.20	-4.71
Lake Yellowstone	74	30	55	3	0.00	0.42	-0.42	14.34	0.48
Lander	91	48	72	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.73	-4.50
Powell	89	41	68	4	0.00	0.11	-0.11	3.51	-1.78
Riverton	90	50	72	7	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.19	-3.52
Worland	95	45	73	4	0.01	0.14	-0.13	2.13	-3.54
District 2									
Big Horn	94	41	71	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	9.82	-0.50
Buffalo-Johnson	91	46	73	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.52	-2.46
Gillette	93	40	71	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.92	-4.02
Midwest	94	41	69	2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	5.25	-5.05
Newcastle	94	55	75	7	0.00	0.38	-0.38	7.75	-4.33
Sheridan	94	40	71	4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	7.03	-3.40
Sundance	94	46	70	5	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.63	-1.41
District 3									
Afton	86	34	63	5	0.01	0.28	-0.27	9.28	-2.64
Big Piney	84	34	63	7	0.00	0.18	-0.18	2.19	-2.98
Evanston	85	49	68	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.43	-5.04
Jackson Hole	82	34	62	4	0.00	0.35	-0.35	7.71	-6.40
District 4									
Casper	92	42	70	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	6.49	-2.88
Laramie	84	41	64	4	0.04	0.28	-0.24	3.82	-4.53
Rawlins	86	42	66	2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	3.15	-3.65
Rock Springs	86	52	70	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.86	-3.54
Shirley Basin	89	30	60	4	0.00	0.19	-0.19	5.67	-1.89
District 5									
Buford	87	46	67	11	0.17	0.35	-0.18	7.51	-3.71
Cheyenne	88	51	68	5	0.06	0.39	-0.33	6.65	-5.32
Chugwater	93	49	71	7	0.00	0.35	-0.35	6.36	-5.65
Douglas	94	45	70	4	0.00	0.19	-0.19	3.77	-5.72
Lance Creek	95	46	71	3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	4.57	-5.73
Old Fort Laramie	96	40	68	0	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.62	-5.69
Torrington	96	50	73	5	0.00	0.26	-0.26	5.34	-5.19
Wheatland	91	48	71	2	0.00	0.28	-0.28	5.05	-4.89

^{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