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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures across the State with little precipitation.

High temperatures ranged from 70 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 96 degrees at Lance Creek. Low temperatures ranged from 24 degrees in Shirley basin to 47 degrees in Rock Springs. Only four stations reported more than a tenth-inch of rain last week. There were 7 days suitable for field work; farm activities included harvesting barley, oats, corn for silage, alfalfa and other hay, and dry beans, planting wheat, and tending to livestock.

In Weston County, conditions reportedly continue to deteriorate. Producers are very concerned about the lack of available grazing, lack of available feed and the cost associated with that feed. Livestock water shortages are becoming more prevalent, with producers hauling water to assist with existing supplies that aren't able to keep up, or requesting assistance to drill new wells through Emergency Conservation Program funds. Lincoln County farmers are harvesting their grain now. The weather is hot during the days and cold at night. They are experiencing frosts off and on in the morning, but have received no significant rain yet. Dry conditions continue in Uinta County. Irrigation water supplies are running out as are livestock water supplies. The three main river channels are very low. Fall grazing is being affected due to lack of irrigation water. Shipping of livestock is occurring earlier than normal. Livestock ponds, dams and pits are dried up for the most part. Providing adequate livestock water is becoming a serious concern at this time, as more livestock sales expected.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	60	58	6	8
Short	35	37	46	38
Adequate	5	5	47	52
Surplus	0	0	1	2

FIELD CROP REPORT: Wyoming farmers are busy harvesting grains, hay and planting wheat. Fifty-two percent of the winter wheat has been reported as planted, mostly in the Southeast part of the State. This is ahead of 26 percent last year and 42 percent for the 5-year average. The corn crop continued to progress as 90 percent is in the dough stage, 39 percent in the dent stage, and 4 percent is reported as mature. Irrigation water supplies continue to be a concern at 55 percent short to very short, and 45 percent adequate.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 9/04	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	25	23	8	12
Short	30	28	5	7
Adequate	45	49	79	78
Surplus	0	0	8	3

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	8	16	36	35	5
Sugarbeets	0	0	35	56	9
Dry Beans	2	4	46	39	9
Alfalfa Hay	15	16	28	39	2

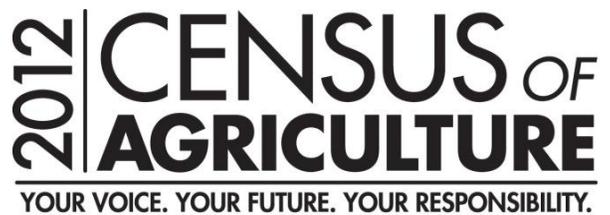
CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	91	87	85	83
Oats Harvested	91	86	86	87
Winter Wheat Planted	52	10	26	42
Winter Wheat Emerged	2	0	16	14
Corn Dough	90	74	72	65
Corn Dent	39	22	34	34
Corn Mature	4	0	2	4
Corn Silage	25	13	13	17
Dry Beans Turn Color	90	80	91	78
Dry Beans Windrowed	51	33	29	28
Dry Beans Combined	14	0	5	5
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	94	92	89	92
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	48	35	22	20
Other Hay Harvested	93	91	95	96

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture condition was rated 85 percent poor to very poor, 12 percent fair, and 3 percent good. Cattle condition was rated 5 percent poor, 29 percent fair, and 66 percent good to excellent. Calves condition was rated 4 percent poor to very poor, 23 percent fair, and 73 percent good to excellent. Sheep condition was rated 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 72 percent good to excellent. Lamb condition was rated 1 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 76 percent good to excellent.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	59	58	1	2
Poor	26	28	11	13
Fair	12	11	25	34
Good	3	3	60	45
Excellent	0	0	3	6



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 48 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 69 degrees in Torrington. Temperatures were 12 degrees above normal at the Buford reporting station. Minimal precipitation was received as Lance Creek received 0.16 inch, Buford received 0.15 inch, Douglas received 0.14 inch, and Casper received 0.12 inch.

Weather Data for the Week Ending September 9, 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	82	45	61	1	0.00	0.25	-0.25	2.99	-5.37
Dubois	77	33	54	2	0.06	0.28	-0.22	4.24	-3.03
Greybull	86	43	64	4	0.03	0.18	-0.15	2.34	-3.34
Jeffrey City	82	35	60	3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	3.20	-4.99
Lake Yellowstone	70	28	48	1	0.00	0.41	-0.41	15.49	0.80
Lander	86	45	66	5	0.00	0.22	-0.22	4.73	-4.89
Powell	82	39	60	1	0.04	0.14	-0.10	3.55	-2.02
Riverton	85	45	65	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.19	-3.90
Worland	87	43	64	0	0.00	0.19	-0.19	2.13	-3.87
District 2									
Big Horn	84	43	63	3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	9.84	-1.01
Buffalo-Johnson	83	44	64	3	0.01	0.28	-0.27	7.53	-2.98
Gillette	85	38	62	2	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.92	-4.58
Midwest	86	39	62	0	0.06	0.18	-0.12	5.31	-5.31
Newcastle	86	40	63	0	0.07	0.28	-0.21	7.82	-4.86
Sheridan	86	38	62	1	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.03	-3.94
Sundance	88	40	64	5	0.00	0.29	-0.29	12.63	-2.05
District 3									
Afton	78	34	56	2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	9.47	-3.13
Big Piney	79	31	56	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.34	-3.25
Evanston	79	44	62	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	3.37	-4.63
Jackson Hole	79	34	54	0	0.00	0.35	-0.35	7.93	-6.88
District 4									
Casper	87	37	63	3	0.12	0.21	-0.09	6.61	-3.15
Laramie	83	32	59	4	0.00	0.27	-0.27	3.84	-5.03
Rawlins	82	35	61	2	0.03	0.16	-0.13	3.46	-3.68
Rock Springs	82	47	64	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.26	-3.49
Shirley Basin	87	24	55	5	0.06	0.21	-0.15	5.87	-2.11
District 5									
Buford	87	38	64	12	0.15	0.38	-0.23	7.92	-4.03
Cheyenne	86	42	65	6	0.09	0.35	-0.26	6.78	-5.90
Chugwater	88	39	65	6	0.03	0.31	-0.28	6.45	-6.20
Douglas	92	38	64	4	0.14	0.24	-0.10	3.94	-6.00
Lance Creek	96	38	65	3	0.16	0.28	-0.12	4.73	-6.13
Old Fort Laramie	92	30	63	2	0.00	0.28	-0.28	4.62	-6.24
Torrington	94	42	69	6	0.01	0.28	-0.27	5.35	-5.74
Wheatland	90	39	66	2	0.06	0.29	-0.23	5.11	-5.40

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