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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered rainfall brings some relief but drought conditions persist.

High temperatures ranged from 67 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 84 degrees in Casper. Low temperatures ranged from 26 degrees in Shirley Basin to 48 degrees in Buffalo. There were 18 reporting stations reporting at least a tenth-of-an-inch of rain last week. Two stations, Cheyenne and Buford, had over half an inch at 0.59 and 0.54 inches respectively. All of the stations reported above normal temperatures. Weather conditions allowed for 7 days of field work. Producers were busy planting wheat, harvesting corn for grain and silage, harvesting dry beans, digging sugarbeets, cutting hay and tending to livestock.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	56	60	9	11
Short	39	36	45	38
Adequate	5	4	46	51
Surplus	0	0	0	0

Subsoil	This Week	As of 9/17	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	38	48	14	19
Short	56	45	35	37
Adequate	6	7	51	44
Surplus	0	0	0	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions are slightly changed from last week at 87 percent poor to very poor, 10 percent fair and 3 percent good. Thirty-seven percent of the cattle and 33 percent of the sheep have been moved out of their summer pastures. Stock water supplies were 21 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 37 percent adequate.

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 9/17	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	21	26	0	3
Short	42	36	14	19
Adequate	37	38	86	78
Surplus	0	0	0	0

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	60	59	3	3
Poor	27	27	12	15
Fair	10	11	26	37
Good	3	3	54	40
Excellent	0	0	5	5

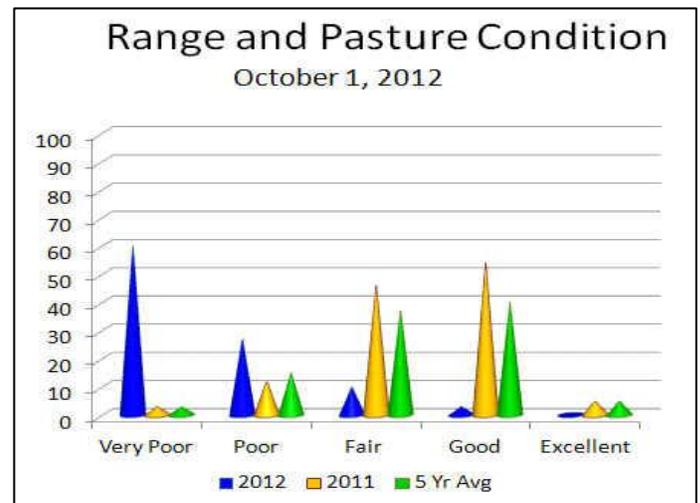
FIELD CROP REPORT: Winter wheat planting is nearing completion at 90 percent, behind 95 percent planted last year, and 93 percent for the average. Emergence is behind previous years at 46 percent compared to last year at 63 percent and a five-year average of 76 percent. Corn progress stages remain ahead of previous years as corn in the dent stage is 87 percent complete, mature is 60 percent complete, and 1 percent of the crop is harvested. Seventy-nine percent of corn silage has been harvested ahead of 66 percent last year and 76 percent for the average. Dry beans also remain ahead of previous years as 70 percent have been combined. Sugarbeet harvest is also early this year at 27 percent, compared to 9 percent last year, and 7 percent for the average.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Planted	90	79	95	93
Winter Wheat Emerged	46	33	63	76
Corn Dent	87	81	90	83
Corn Mature	60	45	64	53
Corn Harvested	1	1	2	5
Corn Silage	79	70	66	76
Dry Beans Windrowed	85	76	89	86
Dry Beans Combined	70	55	64	63
Sugar beets Harvested	27	20	9	7
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	76	67	55	57

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	8	17	32	36	7
Sugarbeets	0	0	25	63	12



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WEATHER SUMMARY: Average temperatures ranged from 48 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 64 degrees in Greybull. Temperatures were above average in all 33 reporting stations. Temperatures were 12 degrees above normal in Greybull. Cheyenne received the most precipitation at 0.59 inch. Worland has received the least amount of precipitation since January 1 at 2.13 inches, followed by Riverton at 2.26 inches, Greybull at 2.34 inches and Big Piney at 2.43 inches. Lake Yellowstone has received the most at 15.90 inches and is the only station receiving above normal precipitation for the year.

Weather Data for the Week Ending September 30, 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	75	43	61	8	0.10	0.27	-0.17	3.09	-6.10
Dubois	76	35	53	7	0.37	0.27	0.10	4.66	-3.44
Greybull	83	44	64	12	0.00	0.19	-0.19	2.34	-3.95
Jeffrey City	80	33	54	4	0.04	0.21	-0.17	3.24	-5.57
Lake Yellowstone	67	31	48	9	0.35	0.35	0.00	15.90	0.16
Lander	78	46	60	7	0.21	0.31	-0.10	5.08	-5.41
Powell	79	41	61	11	0.10	0.15	-0.05	3.65	-2.44
Riverton	76	44	60	8	0.04	0.21	-0.17	2.26	-4.46
Worland	82	43	63	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	2.13	-4.50
District 2									
Big Horn	81	41	61	10	0.00	0.35	-0.35	9.85	-2.03
Buffalo-Johnson	80	48	63	11	0.11	0.32	-0.21	7.64	-3.88
Gillette	80	43	63	10	0.00	0.35	-0.35	7.93	-5.62
Midwest	82	41	60	7	0.33	0.23	0.10	5.71	-5.56
Newcastle	81	40	61	7	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.88	-5.60
Sheridan	81	41	62	9	0.00	0.35	-0.35	7.03	-4.97
Sundance	81	40	62	9	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.63	-2.97
District 3									
Afton	77	34	53	7	0.19	0.35	-0.16	9.66	-4.10
Big Piney	74	32	53	9	0.08	0.14	-0.06	2.43	-3.70
Evanston	75	42	56	8	0.03	0.28	-0.25	3.40	-5.51
Jackson Hole	72	32	53	6	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.93	-7.74
District 4									
Casper	84	36	59	7	0.15	0.28	-0.13	6.79	-3.70
Laramie	76	34	54	6	0.27	0.21	0.06	4.31	-5.19
Rawlins	79	34	55	3	0.14	0.21	-0.07	3.60	-4.17
Rock Springs	78	40	57	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.26	-4.12
Shirley Basin	77	26	51	8	0.25	0.21	0.04	6.16	-2.47
District 5									
Buford	81	40	57	11	0.54	0.30	0.24	8.72	-4.23
Cheyenne	80	41	58	7	0.59	0.28	0.31	7.99	-5.65
Chugwater	81	38	59	7	0.10	0.27	-0.17	6.90	-6.58
Douglas	82	37	60	8	0.10	0.21	-0.11	4.08	-6.63
Lance Creek	82	34	59	4	0.00	0.22	-0.22	4.73	-6.80
Old Fort Laramie	80	34	57	4	0.15	0.21	-0.06	5.11	-6.48
Torrington	83	43	63	9	0.01	0.28	-0.27	5.90	-6.10
Wheatland	80	40	60	4	0.14	0.28	-0.14	5.36	-6.05

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