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**Week of October 1 – 7, 2012**

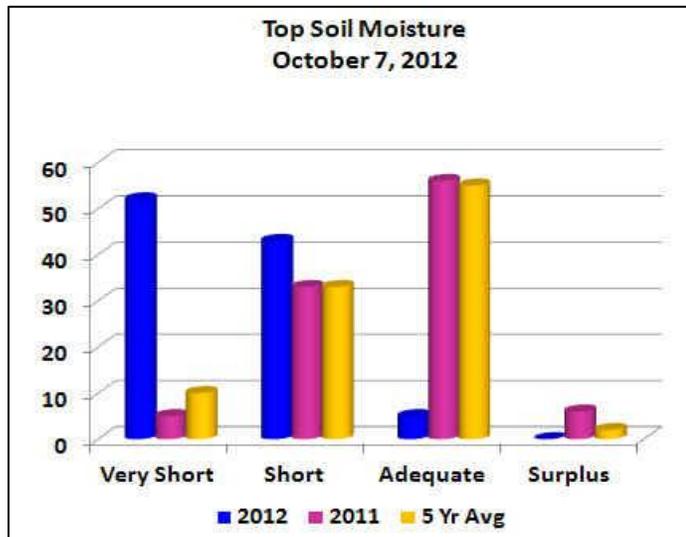
**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures were reported and some snow was received last week.

High temperatures ranged from 64 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 86 degrees in Sundance, Lance Creek and Torrington. Low temperatures reached the single digits with 6 degrees at Shirley Basin and 9 degrees in Laramie and ranged to lows of 25 degrees in Evanston and Greybull. Eight stations received more than a quarter-inch of rain.

Lincoln County reported cold morning temperatures and a freeze. Crook and Converse counties reported receiving some snow last week. Uinta County reported a light snow on the mountain tops early in the week, colder night temperatures, frost and temperatures in the 30's. Cattle are being moved home and livestock shipping is occurring earlier than normal for many ranchers. No moisture was received last week and livestock water remains a concern. Hay meadows are drying up as irrigation water supplies are depleted.

**SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES**

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	52	56	5	10
Short	43	39	33	33
Adequate	5	5	56	55
Surplus	0	0	6	2



**FIELD CROP REPORT:** Topsoil moisture showed a slight improvement from the very short to short category, while still reporting 5 percent in the adequate category. Winter wheat planting is wrapping up, while the wheat is emerging behind last year and the average. Corn harvest is one-third complete. Weather conditions allowed for 5.8 days suitable for field work. Farmers were busy planting winter wheat, harvesting corn for grain and silage, dry beans, sugar beets and alfalfa, and moving livestock from summer pastures.

**CROP CONDITION TABLE**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	7	18	38	29	8
Sugarbeets	0	0	12	46	42

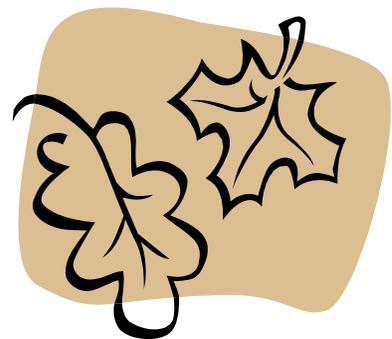
**CROP PROGRESS TABLE**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Planted	95	90	97	98
Winter Wheat Emerged	77	46	85	89
Corn Dent	96	87	96	91
Corn Mature	85	60	89	72
Corn Harvested	32	1	11	10
Corn Silage	92	79	83	87
Dry Beans Windrowed	95	85	96	94
Dry Beans Combined	84	70	80	75
Sugar beets Harvested	37	27	19	15
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	77	76	71	70

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT:** Cattle condition was rated 13 percent poor to very poor, 34 percent fair, 53 percent good to excellent. Calves condition was rated 6 percent poor to very poor, 34 percent fair, and 60 percent good to excellent. Sheep condition was rated 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 70 percent good to excellent. Lambs condition was rated 2 percent poor, 31 percent fair, and 67 percent good. Sixty-three percent of sheep have been moved from summer pasture and 72 percent of cattle have been moved. Range and pasture condition was rated 87 percent poor to very poor, 12 percent fair, and 1 percent good. Hay and roughage supplies were 72 percent short to very short, and 28 percent adequate.

**RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	57	60	3	3
Poor	30	27	12	16
Fair	12	10	27	36
Good	1	3	53	40
Excellent	0	0	5	5



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Average temperatures ranged from 37 degrees in Lake Yellowstone to 50 degrees in Torrington and Evanston. Temperatures were below normal in 29 of the 33 reporting stations. Big Horn received the most precipitation at 0.58 inch, followed by Shirley Basin at 0.49 inch and Sheridan at 0.47 inch. Eleven reporting stations received no precipitation last week. All reporting stations show below normal precipitation for the year, ranging from 0.13 inch below normal in Lake Yellowstone to 7.99 inches below normal at Jackson Hole.

### Weather Data for the Week Ending October 7, 2012 <sup>1/</sup>

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	79	18	46	-7	0.00	0.22	-0.22	3.09	-6.32
Dubois	75	11	42	-4	0.02	0.19	-0.17	4.68	-3.61
Greybull	83	25	49	-1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.34	-4.09
Jeffrey City	76	11	45	-4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.24	-5.78
Lake Yellowstone	64	11	37	-2	0.00	0.29	-0.29	15.90	-0.13
Lander	81	22	49	-4	0.19	0.35	-0.16	5.27	-5.57
Powell	76	19	46	-3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	3.65	-2.58
Riverton	82	22	48	-3	0.07	0.15	-0.08	2.33	-4.54
Worland	84	23	48	-6	0.11	0.21	-0.10	2.24	-4.60
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	82	19	44	-6	0.58	0.35	0.23	10.43	-1.80
Buffalo-Johnson	81	19	45	-6	0.40	0.28	0.12	8.04	-3.76
Gillette	81	22	45	-7	0.16	0.39	-0.23	8.09	-5.85
Midwest	85	20	45	-7	0.14	0.28	-0.14	5.85	-5.70
Newcastle	83	19	47	-7	0.36	0.28	0.08	8.24	-5.52
Sheridan	83	21	46	-6	0.47	0.35	0.12	7.50	-4.85
Sundance	86	23	44	-7	0.10	0.35	-0.25	12.73	-3.22
<b>District 3</b>									
Afton	74	14	44	-2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	9.76	-4.35
Big Piney	74	10	43	0	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.43	-3.84
Evanston	74	25	50	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	3.40	-5.79
Jackson Hole	72	16	43	-2	0.00	0.25	-0.25	7.93	-7.99
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	83	21	47	-4	0.16	0.28	-0.12	6.95	-3.82
Laramie	75	9	43	-4	0.02	0.21	-0.19	4.33	-5.38
Rawlins	76	11	46	-5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.60	-4.38
Rock Springs	75	22	48	1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.26	-4.33
Shirley Basin	75	6	40	-2	0.49	0.21	0.28	6.65	-2.19
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	80	19	46	2	0.32	0.24	0.08	9.04	-4.15
Cheyenne	79	21	45	-5	0.20	0.21	-0.01	8.19	-5.66
Chugwater	82	13	47	-4	0.36	0.21	0.15	7.26	-6.43
Douglas	84	17	45	-6	0.14	0.21	-0.07	4.22	-6.70
Lance Creek	86	20	46	-7	0.25	0.28	-0.03	4.98	-6.83
Old Fort Laramie	84	17	49	-3	0.24	0.21	0.03	5.35	-6.45
Torrington	86	21	50	-3	0.28	0.26	0.02	6.18	-6.08
Wheatland	81	17	46	-9	0.19	0.24	-0.05	5.55	-6.10

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955