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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fall weather continues as dry conditions persist.

High temperatures ranged from 61 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 79 degrees in Gillette and Sheridan. Low temperatures ranged from 5 degrees in Shirley Basin to 31 degrees in Buffalo-Johnson. Only three stations received more than a quarter-inch of rain; Laramie received 0.46 inch, Evanston received 0.44 inch, and Cheyenne received 0.27 inch. Some precipitation received in Uinta County helped settle the dust and add a small amount of water into livestock ponds. Producers are deciding whether to buy hay or sell livestock. Converse County reported some of the driest conditions in years.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	52	52	4	8
Short	43	43	25	27
Adequate	5	5	65	62
Surplus	0	0	6	3

Subsoil	This Week	As of 10/1	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	38	38	10	16
Short	56	56	28	33
Adequate	6	6	62	51
Surplus	0	0	0	0

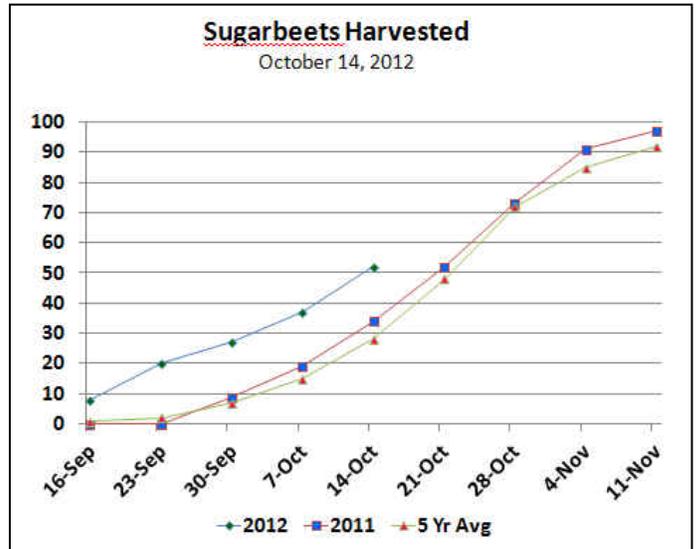
FIELD CROP REPORT: Weather conditions allowed for 6.3 days suitable for field work. Farmers were busy harvesting corn, dry beans, sugarbeets and alfalfa. Topsoil moisture was rated 95 percent short to very short and 5 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated 94 percent short to very short and 6 percent adequate. Ninety-three percent of winter wheat has emerged, compared to 94 percent last year and the average. Wheat was rated 29 percent poor to very poor, 32 percent fair and 39 percent good. Eighty-six percent of the corn was reported as mature and 32 percent was reported as harvested. Corn condition was rated 25 percent poor to very poor, 32 percent fair, and 43 percent good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the corn harvested for silage is complete. Dry beans combined were reported at 91 percent complete. A little over half of the sugarbeets have been harvested; sugarbeets were reported as 14 percent fair, 60 percent good and 26 percent excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa is 80 percent complete, ahead of 77 percent last year and 79 percent for the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	3	26	32	39	0
Corn	8	17	32	36	7
Sugarbeets	0	0	14	60	26

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Emerged	93	77	94	94
Corn Mature	86	85	95	83
Corn Harvested	32	32	20	16
Corn Silage	94	92	92	93
Dry Beans Combined	91	84	90	83
Sugarbeets Harvested	52	37	34	28
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	80	77	77	79



LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Seventy-seven percent of cattle have been moved from summer pasture and 74 percent of sheep have been moved from summer pasture. Range and pasture condition was rated 86 percent poor to very poor, 11 percent fair, and 3 percent good. Stock water supplies were rated 68 percent short to very short and 32 percent adequate.

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 10/1	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	23	21	0	4
Short	45	42	12	15
Adequate	32	37	88	80
Surplus	0	0	0	1

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	60	57	3	3
Poor	26	30	12	15
Fair	11	12	28	36
Good	3	1	52	41
Excellent	0	0	5	5



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WEATHER SUMMARY: Average temperatures ranged from 37 degrees in Shirley Basin to 51 degrees in Rock Springs. Temperatures were 6 degrees above normal in Rock Springs and Evanston and 6 degrees below normal in Fort Laramie. Nineteen out of the 33 stations received no precipitation. Jackson Hole is now 8.24 inches below normal for the year, Lance Creek is 7.04 inches and Douglas is 6.91 inches below normal for the year. This time last year the largest departure from normal at any station was 2.22 inches.

Weather Data for the Week Ending October 14, 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	28	47	-3	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.09	-6.53
Dubois	70	15	42	-2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.68	-3.75
Greybull	76	25	48	1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.34	-4.23
Jeffrey City	68	11	42	-4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.24	-5.99
Lake Yellowstone	61	20	39	4	0.00	0.28	-0.28	15.90	-0.41
Lander	69	30	49	0	0.00	0.34	-0.34	5.27	-5.91
Powell	74	24	45	-2	0.00	0.14	-0.14	3.65	-2.72
Riverton	66	27	47	-1	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.33	-4.68
Worland	76	25	48	-3	0.00	0.17	-0.17	2.24	-4.77
District 2									
Big Horn	76	29	47	0	0.14	0.35	-0.21	10.57	-2.01
Buffalo-Johnson	78	31	48	0	0.05	0.27	-0.22	8.09	-3.98
Gillette	79	28	47	-1	0.11	0.41	-0.30	8.20	-6.15
Midwest	77	28	47	-3	0.00	0.28	-0.28	5.85	-5.98
Newcastle	73	28	45	-5	0.24	0.35	-0.11	8.23	-5.88
Sheridan	79	28	49	2	0.02	0.30	-0.28	7.52	-5.13
Sundance	70	29	48	0	0.05	0.36	-0.31	12.78	-3.53
District 3									
Afton	71	20	43	2	0.00	0.35	-0.35	9.76	-4.70
Big Piney	71	16	45	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	2.43	-3.98
Evanston	70	29	49	6	0.44	0.28	0.16	3.84	-5.63
Jackson Hole	70	16	44	3	0.00	0.25	-0.25	7.93	-8.24
District 4									
Casper	75	23	48	1	0.00	0.28	-0.28	6.95	-4.10
Laramie	68	19	46	4	0.46	0.21	0.25	4.79	-5.13
Rawlins	71	21	49	2	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.60	-4.59
Rock Springs	70	30	51	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	3.26	-4.54
Shirley Basin	65	5	37	-3	0.24	0.18	0.06	6.78	-2.24
District 5									
Buford	67	19	44	2	0.17	0.21	-0.04	9.21	-4.19
Cheyenne	67	27	46	-1	0.27	0.18	0.09	8.46	-5.57
Chugwater	72	26	45	-3	0.21	0.21	0.00	7.47	-6.43
Douglas	73	20	48	-1	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.22	-6.91
Lance Creek	70	26	46	-5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	4.98	-7.04
Old Fort Laramie	71	15	43	-6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.35	-6.66
Torrington	70	24	50	0	0.11	0.21	-0.10	6.29	-6.18
Wheatland	69	23	49	-3	0.14	0.21	-0.07	5.69	-6.17

^{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