



Wyoming Crop Progress

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced fall-like temperatures and precipitation statewide last week.

High temperatures ranged from 59 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 87 degrees in Torrington. Low temperatures ranged from 24 degrees in Big Piney to 36 degrees in Chugwater. Ten stations reported over an inch of rain with Worland receiving the most precipitation at 1.72 inches, followed by Big Horn at 1.71 and Jeffrey City at 1.7 inches. All stations received some precipitation.

Converse County received the second frost of the season last week. Fall has arrived in Lincoln County as they received a lot of rain and some snow in the higher elevations. Farming operations are wrapping up for the year as small grain harvest is completed. Uinta County reported snow in the high mountain areas. Precipitation has aided grazing on the hay meadows. Livestock are being moved home from summer ranges. Hay harvest continues for some. Some livestock shipping has occurred. Natrona County reported wet, heavy snow Thursday and Friday night.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	5	56	17
Short	21	22	39	38
Adequate	74	72	5	45
Surplus	1	1	0	0
Subsoil				
Very Short	10	12	38	18
Short	33	31	56	41
Adequate	56	56	6	41
Surplus	1	1	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: Weather conditions allowed for 4.7 days of field work. Topsoil moisture improved to 75 percent adequate to surplus, and 25 percent short to very short. Producers are wrapping up barley harvest and winter wheat planting. Last week, producers were busy harvesting alfalfa, sugarbeets, corn silage, oats, barley, dry beans, and planting winter wheat.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	1	5	19	55	20
Sugarbeets	0	0	25	59	16
Dry Beans	0	9	20	64	7
Alfalfa Hay	2	6	22	58	12

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	95	87	100	97
Oats Harvested	89	87	100	99
Winter Wheat Planted	93	64	88	91
Winter Wheat Emerged	72	46	44	64
Corn in Dough	85	70	99	95
Corn in Dent	62	41	86	80
Corn in Mature	31	14	58	49
Corn Silage Harvested	67	57	78	73
Dry Beans Turn Color	96	91	100	98
Dry Beans Windrowed	62	52	84	83
Dry Beans Combined	38	21	68	62
Sugar beets Harvested	19	11	26	11
Alfalfa 3rd Cut	69	47	75	55

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Livestock condition and stock water supplies improved slightly from last week. Range and pasture condition improved to 30 percent good to excellent, 32 percent fair and 38 percent poor to very poor.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	10	12	60	13
Poor	28	30	27	15
Fair	32	29	10	31
Good	26	25	3	36
Excellent	4	4	0	5

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	4	9	21	5
Short	26	23	42	20
Adequate	68	65	37	75
Surplus	2	3	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY: Average temperatures ranged from 37 degrees at Lake Yellowstone to 56 degrees in Torrington. Temperatures were below normal in 27 out of the 33 stations. Temperatures were 6 degrees below normal in both Lander and Cody and 6 degrees above normal in Buford. All reporting stations reported some precipitation, ranging from 0.07 inch in Big Piney to 1.72 inches in Worland. Thirteen stations are reporting above normal precipitation for the year thus far.

Weather Data for the Week Ending September 29, 2013 ^{1/}

	Monthly Air Temperature				Monthly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	75	34	49	-6	0.70	0.28	0.42	7.94	-1.18
Dubois	70	30	44	-4	0.94	0.28	0.66	8.66	0.63
Greybull	80	33	54	1	1.00	0.20	0.80	5.29	-0.95
Jeffrey City	71	29	49	-3	1.70	0.21	1.49	9.68	0.93
Lake Yellowstone	59	25	37	-5	0.60	0.35	0.25	15.45	-0.19
Lander	76	28	49	-6	1.63	0.30	1.33	12.19	1.79
Powell	75	33	49	-3	0.84	0.17	0.67	7.10	1.05
Riverton	77	30	51	-3	1.39	0.21	1.18	6.99	0.33
Worland	81	29	53	-4	1.72	0.21	1.51	5.91	-0.66
District 2									
Big Horn	78	31	52	-2	1.71	0.35	1.36	13.15	1.37
Buffalo-Johnson	78	31	51	-3	1.32	0.34	0.98	8.39	-3.05
Gillette	82	32	53	-2	1.32	0.35	0.97	15.84	2.39
Midwest	83	30	52	-4	0.79	0.22	0.57	10.32	-0.88
Newcastle	84	31	54	-2	0.64	0.28	0.36	20.04	6.64
Sheridan	79	32	51	-3	1.50	0.35	1.15	14.84	2.94
Sundance	70	33	51	-3	0.94	0.34	0.60	17.71	2.21
District 3									
Afton	68	32	44	-5	0.92	0.37	0.55	12.08	-1.63
Big Piney	71	24	44	-2	0.07	0.14	-0.07	3.79	-2.30
Evanston	73	27	46	-5	0.15	0.29	-0.14	4.02	-4.81
Jackson Hole	70	30	45	-4	0.96	0.28	0.68	6.04	-9.55
District 4									
Casper	79	30	53	-1	1.05	0.28	0.77	10.34	-0.07
Laramie	73	30	49	0	0.31	0.21	0.10	8.43	-1.01
Rawlins	71	31	51	-3	0.40	0.21	0.19	5.55	-2.16
Rock Springs	71	31	48	-4	0.74	0.21	0.53	2.87	-4.45
Shirley Basin	70	25	46	2	0.47	0.21	0.26	7.15	-1.42
District 5									
Buford	77	33	52	6	0.76	0.32	0.44	17.40	4.53
Cheyenne	76	33	52	-1	0.73	0.28	0.45	14.50	0.94
Chugwater	78	36	54	2	0.82	0.28	0.54	15.20	1.79
Douglas	83	30	54	-1	0.50	0.23	0.27	5.18	-5.47
Lance Creek	86	34	55	-2	0.15	0.21	-0.06	10.24	-1.22
Old Fort Laramie	83	30	53	-3	0.68	0.21	0.47	8.94	-2.59
Torrington	87	33	56	2	0.79	0.28	0.51	8.27	-3.65
Wheatland	77	32	55	-3	0.80	0.28	0.52	8.09	-3.24

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