



Wyoming Crop Progress

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With snowmelt occurring across much of Wyoming, producers were busy seeding some of their small grain crops. Snowpack was reported as being in good condition in many locations.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 3/3	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	1	22	6
Short	15	22	30	22
Adequate	81	74	48	70
Surplus	4	3	0	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 3/3	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	1	42	13
Short	24	26	33	27
Adequate	76	72	25	61
Surplus	0	1	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: The average depth of snow cover as of March 30 was reported at 1.90 inches, compared with 3.7 inches at the end of February. Producers had seeded 20 percent of their barley acreage, 5 percentage points ahead of last year but 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Oat and spring wheat seeding had yet to begin despite most fields in the State being exposed as snowmelt occurs. Two-thirds of the winter wheat crop shows signs of light to moderate wind damage. Eighteen percent of the winter wheat crop was reported with light freeze damage.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	2	22	72	4

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: Pasture and range conditions were reported as 9 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Spring grazing prospects are mostly fair to good. Spring calving was well underway at 39 percent complete, compared with 13 percent last month. Calf losses were reported at 46 percent light and 54 percent normal. Forty-eight percent of farm flock ewes had lambed, while 5 percent of range flock ewes had lambed. Lamb losses were estimated at 42 percent light and 58 percent normal. Ranchers had shorn 43 percent of their farm flock sheep, compared with 28 percent of range flock sheep.

STOCK WATER SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 3/3	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very short	0	1	5	1
Short	14	16	49	18
Adequate	85	82	46	79
Surplus	1	1	0	2

HAY AND ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES

	This Month	As of 3/3	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very short	1	1	8	3
Short	11	11	37	16
Adequate	87	87	55	81
Surplus	1	1	0	1

LIVESTOCK CONDITION TABLE

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Cattle	0	3	20	75	2
Calves	0	1	18	80	1
Sheep	1	6	17	76	0
Lambs	1	1	16	82	0

Weather Data for the Month Ending March 31, 2014 ^{1/}

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

	Monthly Air Temperature				Monthly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	57	-15	35	-2	0.84	0.48	0.36	1.78	0.57
Dubois	56	-2	31	2	0.62	0.41	0.21	2.28	1.33
Greybull	67	-9	35	0	0.52	0.33	0.19	1.13	-0.01
Jeffrey City	58	-4	32	1	1.08	0.83	0.25	1.6	0.01
Lake Yellowstone	47	-11	22	3	4.62	1.68	2.94	9.7	4.62
Lander	64	-6	36	1	0.82	1.19	-0.37	1.62	-0.63
Powell	60	-17	31	-4	0.38	0.3	0.08	1.34	0.74
Riverton	65	-5	35	-2	0.49	0.34	0.15	1.39	0.67
Worland	67	-13	34	-4	0.28	0.44	-0.16	0.83	-0.08
District 2									
Big Horn	67	-14	32	-5	1.63	0.96	0.67	3.4	1.1
Buffalo-Johnson	63	-12	33	-2	0.69	0.69	0	1.23	-0.3
Gillette	64	-18	34	-1	0.91	0.93	-0.02	2.23	0.21
Midwest	63	-6	35	-2	1.17	0.91	0.26	2.95	0.89
Newcastle	65	-12	33	-3	0.46	0.73	-0.27	1.15	-0.6
Sheridan	67	-14	33	-1	1.67	0.82	0.85	3.59	1.88
Sundance	63	-19	32	-2	0.6	0.92	-0.32	1.71	-0.58
District 3									
Afton	53	10	32	5	1.66	1.39	0.27	5.22	1.13
Big Piney	55	7	31	6	0.35	0.57	-0.22	1.26	-0.1
Evanston	59	14	35	5	0.59	0.86	-0.27	1.48	-0.68
Jackson Hole	48	3	30	5	1.92	1.61	0.31	4.23	-2.05
District 4									
Casper	63	-4	35	1	1.5	0.86	0.64	2.93	0.85
Laramie	58	2	33	4	0.28	0.76	-0.48	0.89	-0.71
Rawlins	58	6	35	2	0.39	0.62	-0.23	0.72	-0.98
Rock Springs	61	13	37	6	0.43	0.75	-0.32	0.68	-1.2
Shirley Basin	52	-6	25	2	1.06	0.48	0.58	1.97	0.73
District 5									
Buford	64	4	35	8	1.18	1.06	0.12	3.11	0.89
Cheyenne	63	-1	37	3	0.63	1.01	-0.38	2.54	0.64
Chugwater	68	-8	36	2	1.23	0.97	0.26	3.45	1.33
Douglas	66	-3	36	0	0.36	0.74	-0.38	1.21	-0.33
Lance Creek	66	-10	33	-3	1.01	0.7	0.31	1.64	0.28
Old Fort Laramie	67	-5	35	-3	0.62	0.57	0.05	1.77	0.62
Torrington	70	-5	37	-1	0.54	0.66	-0.12	1.29	-0.08
Wheatland	70	-5	42	3	0.37	0.6	-0.23	2.38	1.26