

# Snow water equivalent lower

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Wyoming is slipping behind the average snow water equivalent. According to Natural Resources Conservation Service Water Supply Specialist Lee Hackleman, the state is currently at 80% statewide today compared to 122% last year. "What a difference a year makes," he said, "we need some good statewide snowfalls."

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Good morning everyone this is the ninth Monday Morning Snow Report for the new 2011-2012 snow season. Remember it is still early and these values are very subjective. One basin is above average SWE and 12 basins are below average SWE. Last year at this time the state average was 122 with a low of 90% and a high of 176% of average. This year the state average is 80% with a low of 54% and a high of 113% of average. See the table & map below for more information. The map may differ slightly from the table depending upon how many stations were reporting at the time or date.

For those of you with INTERNET capability, this report and map showing SWE percentages for all basins in the state can be found at "<http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu/wrds/nrcs/nrcs.html>"

Figure 1 -- SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE. The following table shows the current, last year's ending weeks and 2010 equivalent (SWE) amounts for Wyoming basins. Average is based on all reporting SNOTEL sites in the basin, not the snow courses. The reference period for average comparison is 1971-2000.

12/27/2011 12/19/2011 12/12/2011 12/27/2010 12/19/2010

## UPPER NORTH PLATTE

71	74	80	153	128
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## LOWER N PLATTE, SWT

88	82	89	124	106
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## Weighted State Average

80	82	89	122	111
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