

Wyoming snowpack level at 73 percent of average

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CASPER, Wyo. - The water content in Wyoming snowpack is at 73 percent of average statewide, down about 20 percent from this point in 2009.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that the Belle Fourche and Upper North Platte river basins led the state with snowpack levels of 92 and 90 percent of the 30-year average, respectively.

The Upper Green and Upper Bear rivers had the lowest snowpack levels at 56 and 58 percent of average, respectively.

This week's statewide average is up 1 percent from last week.

Water officials say spring storms are critical to the state's water supply.

Heavy storms last spring helped fill Wyoming reservoirs and propelled the entire state out of drought conditions for the first time in nine years.