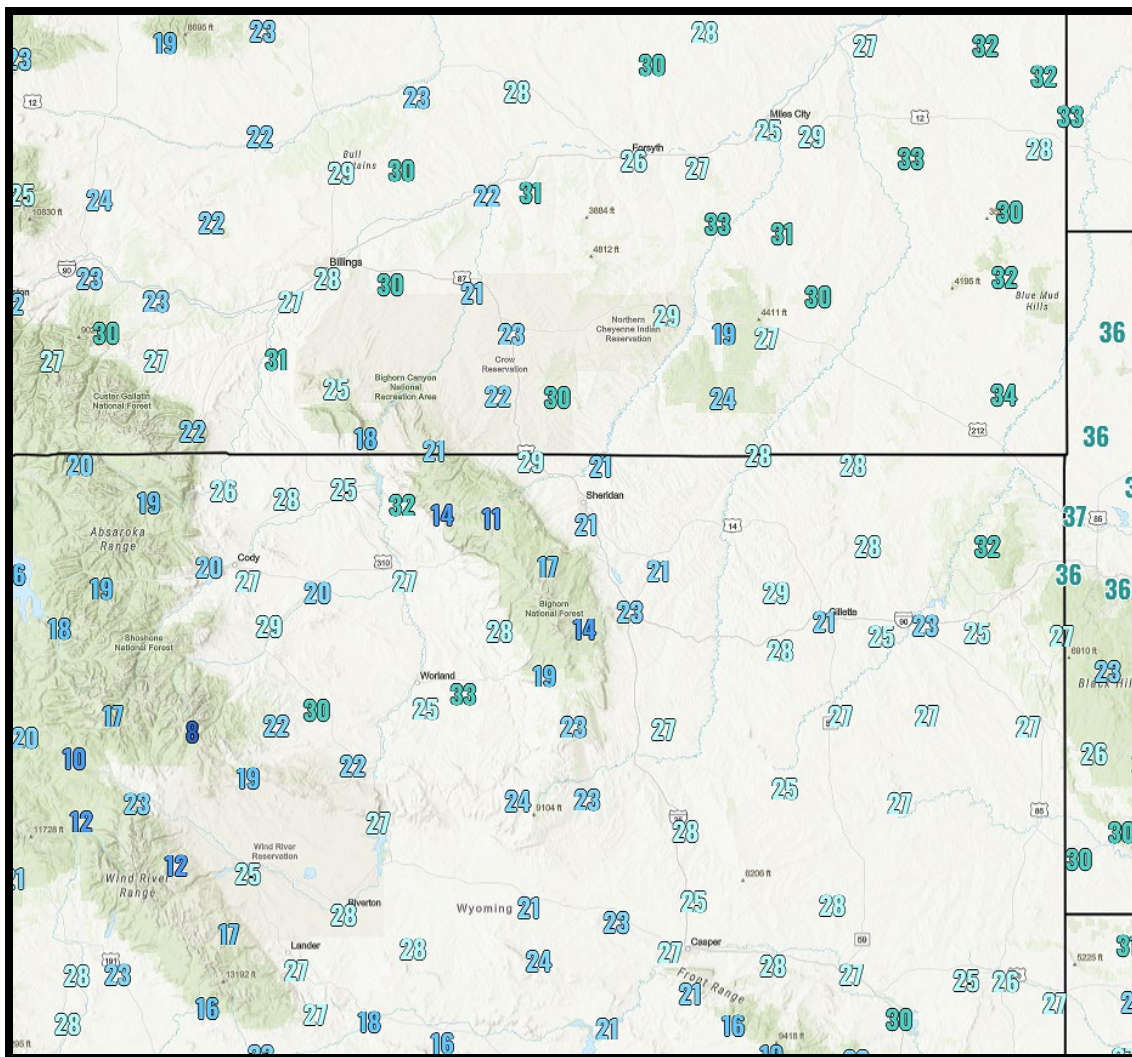


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Kansas City, May 19 (World Weather Inc.) – Unusually cold temperatures this morning in Wyoming and Montana burned a considerable amount of new vegetative growth from crops and trees throughout the two states. The impact should have been minimal to low since most crops were not far enough advanced to be seriously harmed. With that said, though, Wyoming's sugar beets were 40% emerged and vulnerable some of the coldest temperatures. Other crops may have been damaged, as well, though local conditions will dictate the overall impact. The cold weather will shift into the northern Plains tonight, but no serious harm is expected to crops there; though some newly emerged corn, soybeans, dry beans and sugarbeets could be impacted to some degree.



Lowest Temperatures in Fahrenheit for May 19, 2026

Sugarbeet production areas in Wyoming and Montana experienced low temperatures this morning in the 20s Fahrenheit. Most of the readings were in the middle and upper 20s. Emerging sugarbeets can be seriously harmed by temperatures in the lower to middle 20s

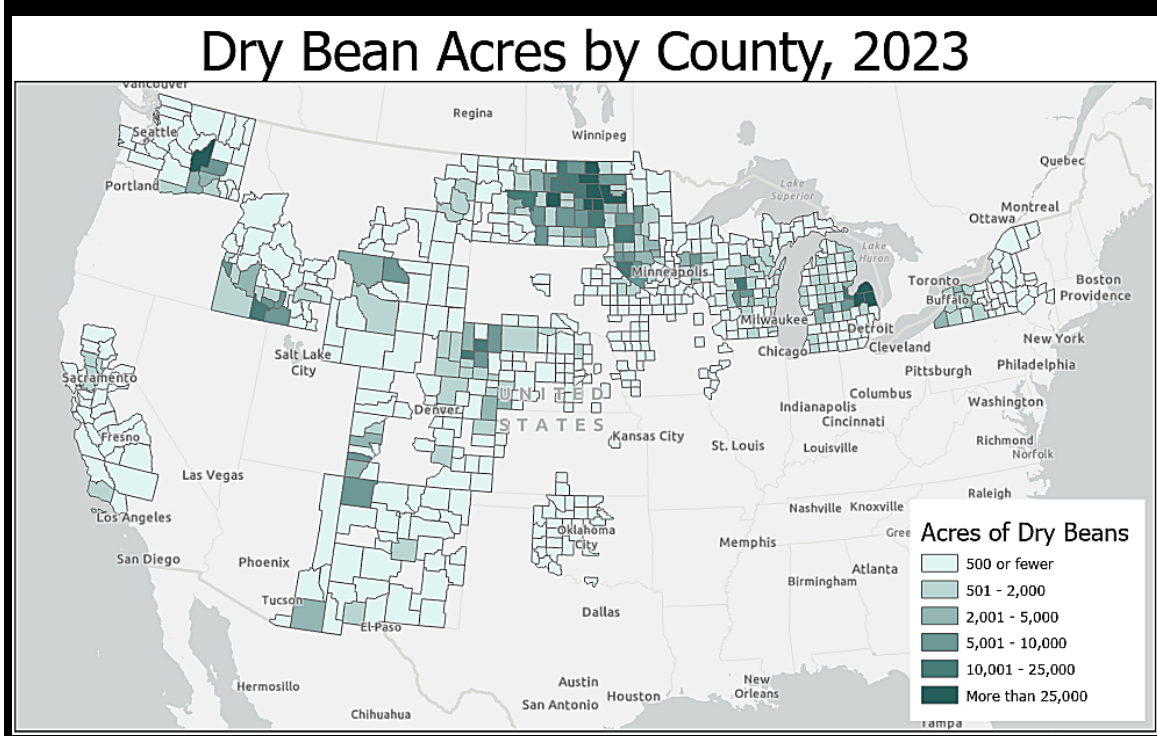
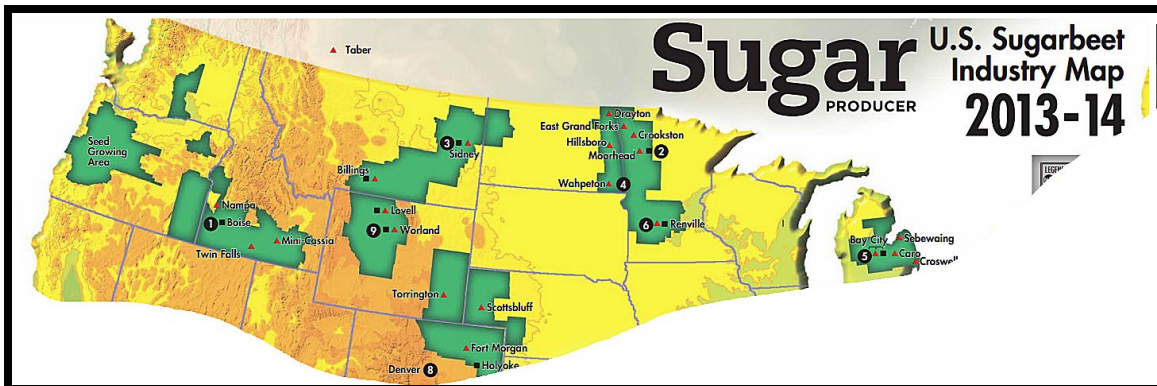
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depending on local field conditions and when the crop was planted and first emerged.

There is some potential that replanting may be necessary.

Wheat, barley, canola, oats and other crops were not likely threatened by the cold, but some dry beans, may have been harmed. Most of the crops in Montana and Wyoming were not far enough advanced to be seriously harmed by the cold weather, though a little replanting cannot be ruled out.

This morning's cold weather will shift into the northern Plains and moderate Wednesday morning further reducing the impact of frost and freezes. Some flowering fruit trees and early season emerged corn and soybeans could be harmed and there may be some sugarbeets and dry beans that might be harmed in the Dakotas and Minnesota as well. None of the overnight temperatures tonight will be nearly as cold as those of this morning further minimizing the potential impact.



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