



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced near normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifteen of the 34 reporting stations reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 76 degrees recorded at Old Fort Laramie, and a low of 3 degrees at Yellowstone. Below normal moisture was reported at 25 of the 34 reporting stations with eight stations reporting no precipitation. Yellowstone reported the most moisture with 1.29 inches. A reporter from Western Wyoming indicated that not a lot of field work is being done with the weather being mostly wet and cold. A reporter from Southwestern Wyoming stated that the fair weather has been good for lambing and calving. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming noted that below average temperatures have slowed range and pasture green up. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 10 percent very short, 20 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Irrigation water supply across Wyoming was rated 2 percent poor, 95 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, and 85 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	29	14	42	57
Emerged	1	NA	11	13
Oats				
Planted.....	6	4	27	22
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	8	--	24	16
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	2	NA	2	7
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	68	59	65	63
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	48	42	44	49
Sheep shorn	65	59	64	55

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.4	1.7	6.1	4.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	10	5
Short.....	18	20	23	23
Adequate.....	62	61	58	64
Surplus.....	18	16	9	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	14	NA
Short.....	21	24	23	NA
Adequate.....	60	63	55	NA
Surplus.....	11	4	8	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	6	6	5
Poor.....	15	16	22	20
Fair.....	43	42	28	31
Good.....	39	35	43	43
Excellent.....	1	1	1	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	6	11	3
Poor.....	11	16	22	9
Fair.....	45	39	36	47
Good.....	41	33	26	38
Excellent.....	1	6	5	3
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy.....	4	3	2	NA
Average.....	66	67	64	NA
Light.....	30	30	34	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	1	--	3	NA
Fair.....	16	18	24	NA
Good.....	81	80	70	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	2	NA
Sheep and lambs death loss				
Heavy.....	--	1	7	2
Average.....	75	73	74	52
Light.....	25	26	19	46

NA – not available

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Wyoming's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/WY-Weather-04152018.pdf