



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

United States Department of Agriculture  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE  
WYOMING FIELD OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 20, 2018

Contact: Rhonda Brandt  
(800) 892-1660

## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming experienced below normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Seventeen of the 33 reporting stations reported below normal temperatures for the week with a high temperature of 102 degrees recorded at Kaycee and a low of 34 degrees recorded at Yellowstone. Above normal moisture was reported at 20 of the 34 reporting stations. Three reporting stations had no precipitation. Cheyenne reported the most moisture with 1.93 inches. A reporter from North Central Wyoming noted that crops and livestock seem to be doing well, although the smoky conditions may be a hazard for breathing. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that the week was hot and dry with cool nights. They also reported that the rangelands are primed for fire. Another reporter from Western Wyoming stated that they had not received rain for some time. A reporter from Southwestern Wyoming indicated that the weather was hot and dry and the irrigation water is about gone. A reporter from South Central Wyoming indicated that they had had a hot week with hay harvest under way. They also indicated that dry pastures and stock water availability have become issues. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that late summer conditions persist. Irrigation water supply across Wyoming was rated 1 percent poor, 6 percent fair, 88 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS |              |               |               |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity                   | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|                             | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Alfalfa                     |              |               |               |                |
| 2nd cutting harvested ..... | 84           | 70            | 85            | 75             |
| Barley                      |              |               |               |                |
| Turning color.....          | 95           | 92            | 95            | 95             |
| Mature .....                | 83           | 77            | 75            | 81             |
| Harvested .....             | 65           | 47            | 61            | 52             |
| Corn                        |              |               |               |                |
| Silked .....                | 98           | 85            | 93            | 88             |
| Doughed .....               | 40           | 13            | 51            | 29             |
| Dry edible beans            |              |               |               |                |
| Setting pods.....           | 81           | 58            | 70            | 69             |
| Turning color.....          | 14           | 5             | 15            | 22             |
| Oats                        |              |               |               |                |
| Mature .....                | 77           | 59            | 86            | 69             |
| Harvested .....             | 38           | 23            | 53            | 42             |
| Other hay                   |              |               |               |                |
| 1st cutting harvested ..... | 96           | 91            | 99            | NA             |
| 2nd cutting harvested ..... | 19           | 7             | NA            | NA             |
| Spring wheat                |              |               |               |                |
| Turning color.....          | 95           | 88            | 99            | 94             |
| Mature .....                | 75           | 59            | 94            | 81             |
| Harvested .....             | 43           | 27            | 62            | 56             |
| Winter wheat                |              |               |               |                |
| Harvested .....             | 97           | 74            | 91            | 83             |
| NA – not available          |              |               |               |                |
| (--)--zero                  |              |               |               |                |

| DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION |              |               |               |                |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|   | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| Days suitable for fieldwork .....                       | 6.3          | 6.7           | 5.9           | 6.1            |
| Topsoil moisture  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....   | 8            | 5             | 20            | 12             |
| Short.....  | 31           | 26            | 33            | 36             |
| Adequate .....  | 61           | 69            | 45            | 49             |
| Surplus .....   | --           | --            | 2             | 3              |
| Subsoil moisture  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....   | 10           | 6             | 20            | 11             |
| Short.....  | 28           | 23            | 36            | 36             |
| Adequate .....  | 62           | 71            | 44            | 52             |
| Surplus .....   | --           | --            | --            | 1              |
| NA – not available                                      |              |               |               |                |
| (--)--zero  |              |               |               |                |

| CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION |              |               |               |                |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity                                    | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Alfalfa                                      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | 1            | 1             | 4             | NA             |
| Poor.....                                    | 2            | 1             | 6             | NA             |
| Fair.....                                    | 14           | 16            | 11            | NA             |
| Good .....                                   | 74           | 73            | 74            | NA             |
| Excellent .....                              | 9            | 9             | 5             | NA             |
| Corn   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....                                    | 2            | 2             | 3             | 2              |
| Fair.....                                    | 16           | 18            | 16            | 14             |
| Good .....                                   | 79           | 77            | 79            | 76             |
| Excellent .....                              | 3            | 3             | 2             | 8              |
| Dry edible beans                             |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....                                    | 1            | 1             | --            | 1              |
| Fair.....                                    | 12           | 15            | 19            | 13             |
| Good .....                                   | 85           | 82            | 77            | 74             |
| Excellent .....                              | 2            | 2             | 4             | 12             |
| Oats   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | 12            | 6              |
| Poor.....                                    | --           | --            | 4             | 3              |
| Fair.....                                    | 12           | 8             | 12            | 15             |
| Good .....                                   | 87           | 91            | 67            | 68             |
| Excellent .....                              | 1            | 1             | 5             | 8              |
| Other hay                                    |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | 1            | 1             | NA            | NA             |
| Poor.....                                    | 5            | 4             | NA            | NA             |
| Fair.....                                    | 24           | 22            | NA            | NA             |
| Good .....                                   | 67           | 68            | NA            | NA             |
| Excellent .....                              | 3            | 5             | NA            | NA             |
| Pasture                                      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | 7            | 4             | 3             | 6              |
| Poor.....                                    | 9            | 9             | 13            | 13             |
| Fair.....                                    | 33           | 34            | 41            | 27             |
| Good .....                                   | 41           | 39            | 43            | 47             |
| Excellent .....                              | 10           | 14            | 1             | 7              |
| Spring wheat                                 |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | 8             | NA             |
| Poor.....                                    | --           | --            | 7             | NA             |
| Fair.....                                    | 1            | 1             | 10            | NA             |
| Good .....                                   | 98           | 98            | 75            | NA             |
| Excellent .....                              | 1            | 1             | --            | NA             |
| Sugarbeets                                   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....                                    | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Fair.....                                    | 9            | 11            | 18            | 14             |
| Good .....                                   | 82           | 81            | 79            | 75             |
| Excellent .....                              | 9            | 8             | 3             | 11             |
| Livestock                                    |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....                              | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                                    | 1            | 2             | 1             | NA             |
| Fair.....                                    | 16           | 12            | 17            | NA             |
| Good .....                                   | 78           | 79            | 74            | NA             |
| Excellent .....                              | 5            | 7             | 8             | NA             |

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

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-08192018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/WY-Weather-08192018.pdf)

Notice: Please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress report’s weather data table may be discontinued for budget reasons. Please contact the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office at (720) 787-3150 with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress report’s crop progress and condition data will remain and be available.