



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much of Wyoming experienced scattered rain and snow showers last week with below normal temperatures and wind for the week ending May 5, 2019, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Moisture levels have remained in the mostly adequate to surplus levels from the previous week and better than last year. A reporter from North Central Wyoming indicated that grazing is very short due to lack of heat units causing grass growth to be slow. A reporter from Western Wyoming stated that producers are starting to do field work but it is still pretty cold in the mornings. A reporter from Southwestern Wyoming reported that although it has been warmer the last few weeks and pastures and fields are greening up there have been a few storms that have made conditions rough for livestock. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that they received good, wet snow that has replenished a good part of the soil moisture. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that they received snow and rain which halted field activities. The U.S. drought monitor released April 30th, showed most of Wyoming with good moisture except for the North Central and Southwestern areas of the state which were abnormally dry. Irrigation water supplies across Wyoming were rated 5 percent fair, 92 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 6 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	88	78	81	84
Emerged	58	38	53	46
Corn				
Planted.....	11	2	33	29
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	1	NA	--	3
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	65	44	51	49
Emerged	19	NA	3	5
Winter wheat				
Jointing.....	8	4	1	17
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	88	80	87	87
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	70	63	64	70
Sheep shorn	81	68	82	80

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	3.8	4.7	4.8	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	1	1
Short.....	8	6	24	18
Adequate	85	93	74	70
Surplus	7	1	1	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	1	4
Short.....	12	8	23	20
Adequate	81	90	75	71
Surplus	6	1	1	5

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	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Good	86	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	11	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Good	81	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	--	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Good	88	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	4	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	8	8	8	8
Fair.....	40	36	30	25
Good	48	55	57	60
Excellent	3	--	4	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	3	3	2
Poor.....	7	7	13	5
Fair.....	33	42	42	49
Good	52	45	34	38
Excellent	4	3	8	6
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy	10	4	7	2
Average.....	60	61	67	59
Light.....	30	35	26	39
Livestock				
Very poor	3	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	4	1	NA
Fair.....	17	22	14	NA
Good	73	73	82	NA
Excellent	1	--	3	NA
Sheep and lamb death loss				
Heavy	11	8	--	1
Average.....	46	40	78	63
Light.....	43	52	22	36

NA – not available

(--) – zero