## WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much of Wyoming experienced scattered rain showers last week with below normal temperatures and wind for the week ending May 12, 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 some areas got a nice rain while others continue to be very dry. They also stated that planting is started and livestock look good. A reporter from Northeastern Wyoming stated that it has not been warm enough for crop or grass growth. A reporter from Western Wyoming indicated that producers are very busy. Another reporter from Western Wyoming stated that they received a couple of good rain storms with cool temperatures but things were warming up by the end of the week. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming reported that they got good moisture during the week which helped the pastures and range but slowed corn planting. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that the ground has remained wet so field work has been slowed and the wind too strong to do any spraying. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that they had cool, wet conditions most of the week, followed by several days of warmer weather. The U.S. drought monitor released May 7th, 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 4 percent fair, 88 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

## **CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS** Previous year Commodity Current week Previous week 5-year average (percent) (percent) (percent) (percent) 90 88 90 86 Emerged ..... 65 58 64 62 Corn Planted..... 39 11 50 47 Emerged ..... 3 NA 13 11 Dry edible beans Planted..... 3 8 1 Sugarbeets Planted..... 90 65 68 68 Emerged ..... 36 19 21 14 Winter wheat 31 8 17 33 Jointing..... Cattle and calves Cows calved ..... 93 88 91 92 Sheep and lambs 75 70 76 Ewes lambed ..... 71 92 91 Sheep shorn 81 87

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION						
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
Days suitable for fieldwork	3.1	3.8	5.3	4.9		
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short			1	2		
Short	7	8	20	17		
Adequate	83	85	76	71		
Surplus	10	7	3	10		
Subsoil moisture						
Very short		1	4	4		
Short	9	12	18	18		
Adequate	79	81	76	72		
Surplus	12	6	2	6		

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)
Alfalfa	• ,		,	,
Very poor			NA	NA
Poor		1	NA	NA
Fair	10	2	NA	NA
Good	77	86	NA	NA
Excellent	13	11	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor				
Poor		7		1
Fair	13	12	5	6
Good	87	81	79	87
Excellent			16	6
Other hay			10	
Very poor			NA	NA
Poor	1	1	NA NA	NA NA
Fair	8	7	NA NA	NA NA
Good	87	88	NA NA	NA NA
Excellent	4	4	NA NA	NA NA
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Pasture and range	1	1	2	1
Very poor	1	1	2	1
Poor	5	8	6	7
Fair	34	40	26	23
Good	57	48	60	63
Excellent	3	3	6	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	1	1
Poor	7	7	10	4
Fair	33	33	40	50
Good	52	52	43	39
Excellent	4	4	6	6
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy	12	10	6	NA
Average	67	60	61	NA
Light	21	30	33	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	3	3		
Poor	5	6		1
Fair	22	17	8	12
Good	69	73	84	78
Excellent	1	1	8	9
	1	1		
Sheep and lamb death loss	14	11		NA
Heavy			72	
Average	52	46	1	NA NA
Light   NA – not available	34	43	28	NA

NA – not available

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