



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Northern Wyoming received rain and some hail while Southern Wyoming experienced mostly warm and dry conditions with some scattered thunderstorm activity for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels were mostly in the adequate to short range. A reporter from Northwestern Wyoming stated that they have enough rain that it is hampering harvest. They also stated that so far the rains have effected dry edible bean and hay harvest but if it continues it will slow the sugar beet harvest. A reporter from Northeastern Wyoming indicated that winter pastures continue to be negatively impacted by hail storms and grasshoppers. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that they received some rain which has helped the rangeland. They also reported that most nights are below freezing and most cattle are off summer range. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that dry conditions persist with some spotty frost. The U.S. drought monitor released on September 19th, showed most of Wyoming with good moisture, but with abnormally dry conditions in the Western, Southwestern and South Central parts of the state. Irrigation water supply across Wyoming was rated 2 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 75 percent good. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 74 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                   | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay                 |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 3rd cutting harvested ..... | 40                        | 33                         | 72                         | 53                          |
| Barley                      |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....             | 93                        | 87                         | 100                        | 99                          |
| Corn                        |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Dented .....                | 71                        | 43                         | 71                         | 68                          |
| Mature .....                | 43                        | 20                         | 17                         | 18                          |
| Harvested for silage .....  | 43                        | 28                         | 64                         | 60                          |
| Dry edible beans            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Cut .....                   | 52                        | 33                         | 72                         | 61                          |
| Harvested .....             | 34                        | 8                          | 48                         | 37                          |
| Winter wheat                |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....               | 67                        | 40                         | 72                         | 67                          |
| Emerged.....                | 37                        | 10                         | 30                         | 23                          |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity                         | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork ..... | 6.4          | 6.5           | 6.6           | 6.1            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short .....                  | 13           | 11            | 20            | 14             |
| Short.....                        | 43           | 39            | 45            | 33             |
| Adequate.....                     | 44           | 50            | 35            | 49             |
| Surplus .....                     | --           | --            | --            | 4              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short .....                  | 17           | 10            | 20            | 13             |
| Short.....                        | 43           | 41            | 42            | 33             |
| Adequate.....                     | 40           | 48            | 38            | 52             |
| Surplus .....                     | --           | 1             | --            | 2              |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

|                   | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                   | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Alfalfa hay       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | --           | --            | NA            | NA             |
| Poor.....         | 1            | 1             | NA            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 14           | 17            | NA            | NA             |
| Good .....        | 75           | 71            | NA            | NA             |
| Excellent .....   | 10           | 11            | NA            | NA             |
| Corn              |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | --           | --            | --            | 1              |
| Poor.....         | 2            | 2             | 1             | 2              |
| Fair.....         | 23           | 22            | 13            | 12             |
| Good .....        | 74           | 74            | 84            | 82             |
| Excellent .....   | 1            | 2             | 2             | 3              |
| Dry edible beans  |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | --           | --            | --            | 1              |
| Poor.....         | 13           | 13            | 1             | 3              |
| Fair.....         | 16           | 16            | 7             | 12             |
| Good .....        | 70           | 70            | 90            | 77             |
| Excellent .....   | 1            | 1             | 2             | 7              |
| Pasture and Range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | 3            | 2             | 15            | 7              |
| Poor.....         | 11           | 14            | 14            | 12             |
| Fair.....         | 53           | 44            | 39            | 29             |
| Good .....        | 29           | 36            | 30            | 45             |
| Excellent .....   | 4            | 4             | 2             | 7              |
| Sugarbeets        |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | --           | 7             | --            | --             |
| Fair.....         | 40           | 34            | 7             | 9              |
| Good .....        | 60           | 59            | 83            | 77             |
| Excellent .....   | --           | --            | 10            | 14             |
| Livestock         |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | 1            | 1             | 3             | 1              |
| Fair.....         | 9            | 7             | 16            | 14             |
| Good .....        | 82           | 85            | 80            | 74             |
| Excellent .....   | 8            | 7             | 1             | 11             |

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