

WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold and wet conditions were seen across much of Wyoming last week delaying fieldwork and crop progress, 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, however soil moisture improvement was seen last week. A reporter from Western Wyoming stated that producers were trying to get the third cutting of alfalfa completed but due to the wet and freezing conditions harvest was postponed. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that temperatures fluctuated greatly last week, with freezing temperatures early in the week followed by warm temperatures reaching the 60s and 70s. They also stated that corn has yet to dry out enough for harvest. In southern Wyoming, a reporter stated that temperatures reached freezing levels every night with small snowstorms seen throughout the week. The U.S. drought monitor released on October 10th, 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 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 68 percent good. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 7 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 71 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa hay		_	-	_		
3rd cutting harvested	65	57	96	74		
Corn						
Mature	91	75	89	80		
Harvested for silage	89	79	94	94		
Dry edible beans						
Cut	84	79	100	91		
Harvested	74	70	95	80		
Sugarbeet						
Harvested	22	12	48	37		
Winter wheat						
Emerged	90	78	87	77		

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.7	6.2	4.7	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	13	15	10
Short	39	43	39	28
Adequate	46	44	46	58
Surplus	9			4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	20	16	11
Short	44	46	44	33
Adequate	43	34	40	54
Surplus				2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	-		· ·	· ·
Very poor				1
Poor	2	2		3
Fair	22	18	6	11
Good	75	79	93	82
Excellent	1	1	1	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	2	18	7
Poor	8	5	9	10
Fair	49	46	30	30
Good	38	47	38	45
Excellent	2		5	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor				
Poor				
Fair	31	22		6
Good	69	78	89	80
Excellent			11	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3		
Poor	10	10		2
Fair	28	29	1	26
Good	55	55	98	66
Excellent	4	3	1	6
Livestock				
Very poor			3	1
Poor	1	1	3	1
Fair	15	8	14	12
Good	80	89	79	75
Excellent	4	2	1	11

NA – not available

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