



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending August 9, western Wyoming experienced mostly above normal temperatures, with some spots of the state having cooler than normal temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Very little rain occurred across the state, with most of western Wyoming receiving none. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming’s drought conditions have changed little, and the state still has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing severe drought remains at 5.44 percent. A reporter in the north central region of Wyoming stated that drought conditions continue to get worse, and have resulted in some small fires. A reporter from central Wyoming reported that drought has hurt hay, pasture, and livestock conditions. A reporter from south central Wyoming noted that some fires have occurred in the area and that irrigation water has been shut off early for many producers. A reporter from southwestern Wyoming reported that row crops are doing fair, though still plagued by grasshoppers, and some livestock are being moved to CRP emergency grazing land. Another reporter from southwestern Wyoming indicated dry conditions continue, and the fire hazard is very high. A third reporter from southwestern Wyoming stated that the little showers received have helped some areas, but most places are still suffering greatly from the drought. They also stated that emergency grazing has begun for many livestock producers, some of whom are looking for pasture and hay for the remaining months of the year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 14 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared to 7 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 58 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 55 percent good, compared to 6 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 60 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting harvested	76	63	50	58
3 rd cutting harvested	5	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Turning color.....	86	79	85	88
Mature	68	57	63	61
Harvested	36	22	31	29
Corn				
Silked	78	49	43	67
Dough.....	36	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	96	86	95	79
Setting pods.....	78	49	42	41
Turning color.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	91	89	85	93
Winter wheat				
Mature	96	94	91	89
Harvested	95	79	37	52

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	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	34	30	10	9
Short.....	29	38	45	35
Adequate	37	32	45	54
Surplus	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	28	11	9
Short.....	36	45	43	33
Adequate	31	27	46	57
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 hay				
Very poor	2	3	--	2
Poor.....	15	13	--	3
Fair.....	19	15	9	13
Good	64	69	89	77
Excellent	--	--	2	5
Barley				
Very poor	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	5	1
Fair.....	13	16	19	8
Good	79	78	76	86
Excellent	--	--	--	5
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	6	3
Fair.....	20	20	9	12
Good	74	74	83	81
Excellent	--	--	2	4
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	14	3
Fair.....	19	20	13	12
Good	81	80	72	78
Excellent	--	--	1	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor	25	17	--	3
Poor.....	34	36	11	10
Fair.....	33	35	31	29
Good	8	12	48	50
Excellent	--	--	10	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	12	2
Fair.....	4	3	29	16
Good	96	97	58	74
Excellent	--	--	1	8
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	1	1
Fair.....	17	15	7	10
Good	78	80	82	78
Excellent	1	1	10	11
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				