



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** For the week ending August 23, Wyoming experienced a wide range of temperatures across the state, being warm in the east and cooler in the west, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Again, almost no rain occurred throughout the state over the last week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming’s drought conditions have changed little, but those little changes include a decrease in the amount of land rated as experiencing moderate drought. Most of 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 from north central Wyoming reported that the drought is still becoming worse for the area. Another reporter from north central Wyoming also stated that conditions are very dry and hot, and many livestock are being sold off early. A reporter from southwestern Wyoming noted that the drought has full control, and even rivers and streams are low for this time of year. They also stated that haying is being finished up for the year because of the drought, and the air quality is poorer than usual due to forest fires. A reporter from southern Wyoming indicated that multiple producers are filing for losses, livestock have been pulled off pastures up to 2 months early, and grass conditions are leading producers to sell their cattle 3 to 4 months early. A reporter from southeastern Wyoming stated that pastures are being devastated by the dry conditions in the area. Another reporter from southeastern Wyoming reported that the fire danger is very high due to the extremely dry late summer conditions. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 27 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared to 22 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 49 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 26 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 40 percent good, compared to 23 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 49 percent good last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	85	68	84
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	23	12	4	4
Barley				
Turning color.....	96	90	NA	NA
Mature .....	87	79	83	88
Harvested .....	64	52	61	68
Corn				
Doughed .....	85	65	43	52
Dented .....	15	5	7	3
Dry edible beans				
Setting pods.....	96	91	84	85
Turning color.....	41	15	26	35
Cut.....	7	--	--	1
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	95	93	94	98

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 .....	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	57	47	15	14
Short.....	26	25	40	35
Adequate .....	17	28	45	49
Surplus .....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	54	42	15	13
Short.....	32	32	40	35
Adequate .....	14	26	44	51
Surplus .....	--	--	1	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
Poor.....	16	22	--	4
Fair.....	18	21	9	11
Good .....	66	57	86	77
Excellent .....	--	--	5	6
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	6	7	3
Fair.....	25	25	10	12
Good .....	66	69	81	81
Excellent .....	--	--	2	4
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	13	3
Fair.....	13	10	13	12
Good .....	87	90	73	79
Excellent .....	--	--	1	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	31	29	1	5
Poor.....	41	36	10	11
Fair.....	27	30	37	32
Good .....	1	5	44	46
Excellent .....	--	--	8	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	12	2
Fair.....	6	9	28	15
Good .....	94	91	60	76
Excellent .....	--	--	--	7
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	7	1	1
Fair.....	21	19	7	10
Good .....	76	72	84	80
Excellent .....	--	--	8	9

NA – not available

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