



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending October 18, Wyoming experienced mostly dry conditions, across much of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Light showers with warm daytime temperatures and cool nights occurred in most parts of the state over the past week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming's drought conditions have not changed much from last week. Most of the state has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing extreme drought stands at 26.6 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 32.9 percent, 30.3 percent, and 7.2 percent, respectively. A reporter from Western Central Wyoming reported that they did not get much moisture and the rangelands are very dry. One reporter from Southeastern Wyoming noted that drought conditions persist. Another reporter from southeastern Wyoming indicated that although the dry conditions continued they did get some very light moisture. The Mullin wildfire has continued to grow. Corn for grain, sugarbeet, and dry edible bean harvest continued, and most winter wheat has emerged. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 20 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared to 20 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 44 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 15 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 35 percent fair, and 41 percent good, compared to 10 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 33 percent fair, and 47 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	89	84	69	82
Corn				
Harvested for grain	64	41	1	16
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	95	91	83	90
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	68	43	39	47
Winter wheat				
Emerged	98	80	95	93

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.9	6.8	5.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	46	37	7	10
Short.....	41	50	36	33
Adequate.....	13	13	53	53
Surplus.....	--	--	4	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	50	41	18	12
Short.....	35	40	42	38
Adequate.....	15	19	40	49
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1

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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	2	1
Fair.....	39	39	23	14
Good.....	54	54	74	81
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	32	2	7
Poor.....	43	38	14	12
Fair.....	28	29	51	39
Good.....	--	1	33	39
Excellent.....	--	--	--	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	4	4	40	NA
Good.....	96	96	60	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	9	4	2
Poor.....	16	16	11	4
Fair.....	32	32	31	28
Good.....	40	39	50	64
Excellent.....	4	4	4	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	7	1	1
Fair.....	20	21	10	11
Good.....	79	71	88	81
Excellent.....	--	--	1	7

NA – not available

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