



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: December brought no relief to Wyoming's drought conditions. Precipitation for December was scarce, with monthly precipitation totals less than 3 inches for most of the State. Temperatures for the month of December were 2 to 6 degrees above average. According to the United States Drought Monitor for December 30, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 3.3 percent, compared to 7.2 percent on November 25. Moderate drought was present across 35.4 percent of the State, an increase from 28.5 percent on November 25. Severe drought covered 47.1 percent of the State, compared to 53.1 percent on November 25. Extreme drought conditions covered 14.2 percent of the State, an increase of 3 percentage points from 11.2 percent on November 25. Reporters in Big Horn county indicated persisting drought conditions, with little moisture. Comments in Lincoln county, however, indicated significant snowfall during December and snowpack is measuring above average in most areas. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 72 percent short to very short, compared with 57 percent on November 28. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 36 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 30 percent adequate, compared to 15 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 38 percent adequate on November 28. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 35 percent very short, 21 percent short, and 44 percent adequate, compared to 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 43 percent adequate on November 28.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 24, 2022; for February on Tuesday, February 22, 2022; and for March on Monday, March 28, 2022.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	48	24	35	NA
Short.....	24	33	44	NA
Adequate.....	28	43	21	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	52	27	49	NA
Short.....	25	45	33	NA
Adequate.....	23	28	18	NA
Surplus	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	38	35	23	NA
Poor.....	14	19	24	NA
Fair.....	32	31	41	NA
Good.....	16	15	12	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	9	9	5	NA
Poor.....	33	20	9	NA
Fair.....	42	49	71	NA
Good.....	16	21	10	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	5	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	2	3	NA
Fair.....	10	32	28	NA
Good.....	90	64	68	NA
Excellent.....	--	2	1	NA

NA – not available

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