



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite a large snowstorm, the month of March brought little relief to Wyoming according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures for the month were fairly mild for the majority of the State, remaining around average for this time of year. Precipitation was scarce except for a winter storm in mid-March. Reports indicate the storm brought much needed moisture to the State, but a significant amount of spring precipitation is still desperately needed. Comments from Campbell county indicate some producers have already decided not to plant this spring because of the poor conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for March 25, 2021, 96.3 percent of the State is still experiencing drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions covered 19.3 percent of the State, compared to 24.8 percent last month. Severe drought was present across 27.4 percent of the State, a decrease of 11.4 percentage points from last month's percentage of 38.8 percent. Moderate drought was present across 24.4 percent of the State, a slight decrease from 27.7 percent last month. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 25.2 percent, compared to 6.5 percent last month. Comments from Albany, Sheridan and Platte counties indicated the March snowstorm was very hard on livestock, with numerous reports of significant livestock losses due to heavy snow and deep snow drifts. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 23 percent very short, 22 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 18 percent very short, 23 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 21 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 57 percent adequate. Cattle death loss was rated as 5 percent heavy, 89 percent average, and 6 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 5 percent heavy, 91 percent average, and 4 percent light.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 5, 2021.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted	16	NA	20	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	30	6	21	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	18	5	10	NA
Sheep shorn	26	2	32	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	30	48	1	NA
Short	25	39	8	NA
Adequate	42	13	83	NA
Surplus	3	--	8	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	35	45	4	NA
Short	26	39	9	NA
Adequate	38	16	81	NA
Surplus	1	--	6	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	27	29	6	NA
Poor.....	35	30	15	NA
Fair.....	28	31	31	NA
Good	9	10	47	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	1	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	3	NA
Poor.....	14	16	3	NA
Fair.....	70	76	20	NA
Good	11	4	67	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	7	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	11	8	1	NA
Fair.....	27	32	7	NA
Good	61	59	90	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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