



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced another week of above average temperatures and scarce precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State experienced daily high temperatures 4 to 12 degrees above average and daily low temperatures 2 to 6 degrees above average for this time of year. There were isolated areas that experienced average low temperatures 4 to 6 degrees below normal. Reports from Converse county indicate the below average temperatures are delaying initial pasture and rangeland growth. Counties along the southern border received no form of precipitation this week, while areas in the central and northern portions of the State received trace amounts of precipitation. Comments continue to express dire need for moisture. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 8, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 26.1 percent, up slightly from 25.7 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 25.7 percent of the State, an increase of 1.3 percentage points from 24.4 percent last week. Severe drought covered 28.4 percent of the State, compared to 28.3 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions remained unchanged, covering 18.4 percent of the State. Overall, 98.6 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a 0.8 percent increase from 97.8 percent reported last week. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 15 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 59 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 14 percent very short, 18 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 14 percent very short, 20 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 84 percent average, and 15 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 90 percent average, and 9 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	50	21	54	47
Winter Wheat				
Jointed.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	64	42	51	57
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	41	32	40	41
Sheep shorn	55	37	55	53

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.....	5.8	6.0	5.5	4.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	30	28	--	3
Short	27	26	6	14
Adequate	43	46	88	70
Surplus	--	--	6	13
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	34	28	--	6
Short	31	32	10	18
Adequate	35	40	82	67
Surplus	--	--	8	9

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	26	23	--	3
Poor.....	35	30	6	13
Fair.....	27	30	38	37
Good.....	12	17	55	46
Excellent.....	--	--	1	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	3	4
Poor.....	11	15	3	11
Fair.....	78	76	21	33
Good	6	5	66	47
Excellent.....	1	--	7	5
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	2	1	3
Fair.....	29	27	4	16
Good	65	70	94	78
Excellent.....	1	1	1	2

NA – not available

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