



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week brought minimal moisture and cold, windy conditions to Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. An April snowstorm brought isolated areas over 1 inch of moisture, while other areas received only trace amounts of precipitation. Despite the moisture, reports from Lincoln and Niobrara county indicate fields still remain dry, partly due to high winds drying out topsoil. In addition to high winds, this week also brought colder than normal temperatures to the State. The majority of the State experienced temperatures 9 degrees below average, while the western border was slightly warmer, experiencing temperatures 6 degrees below average. Crook county in the north-eastern corner of the State and other isolated areas had temperatures 15 degrees below average. Reports from multiple counties indicate that the colder temperatures are delaying field work and Spring pasture growth. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 15, 2021, 97.3 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a decrease from 98.6 percent last week. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry decreased from 26.1 percent last week to 16.6 percent this week, a decrease of 9.5 percentage points. Moderate drought was present across 34.2 percent of the State, an increase of 8.5 percentage points from 25.7 percent last week. Severe drought covered 28.1 percent of the State, a slight decrease from 28.4 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions remained at 18.4 percent of the State. Sugarbeet planting is underway, with planting reported at 12 percent this week – compared to 11 percent planted this time last year. Barley planting remains slightly behind last year – planting was reported at 65 percent this week, compared to 71 percent planted this time last year. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 24 percent very short, 28 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 17 percent very short, 16 percent short, and 67 percent adequate compared to 14 percent very short, 18 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 78 percent average and 22 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 96 percent average, and 3 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	65	50	71	63
Emerged	15	--	21	16
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	12	--	11	12
Winter Wheat				
Jointed.....	3	1	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	72	64	61	67
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	49	41	52	51
Sheep shorn	59	55	62	61

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.....	4.0	5.8	4.0	4.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	28	30	--	3
Short	28	27	4	13
Adequate	44	43	95	75
Surplus	--	--	1	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	34	34	--	5
Short	32	31	8	16
Adequate	34	35	91	74
Surplus	--	--	1	5

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	26	1	3
Poor.....	34	35	4	12
Fair.....	27	27	29	32
Good.....	13	12	62	51
Excellent.....	--	--	4	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	4	4
Poor.....	8	11	4	10
Fair.....	80	78	21	34
Good	7	6	64	46
Excellent.....	1	1	7	6
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	6	4	1	2
Fair.....	28	29	6	15
Good	64	65	90	80
Excellent.....	1	1	2	2

NA – not available

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