WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced minimal precipitation and below average temperatures this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. A small front moved through the State, bringing moisture to the north-eastern corner. The majority of the State, however, experienced another week of below average precipitation. The State experienced warmer temperatures than in past weeks, but temperatures remain below average for this time of year. With slightly warmer daytime temperatures, reports show pastures are starting to green-up; however, comments from multiple counties indicate pastures are suffering from the lack of moisture received this year. The moisture received this week did improve drought conditions in the State. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 22, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 9.7 percent, compared to 16.6 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 42.7 percent of the State, an increase of 8.5 percentage points from 34.2 percent last week. Severe drought covered 35.0 percent of the State, compared to 28.1 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased from 18.4 percent last week to 6.0 percent of the state this week. Overall, 93.4 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a 4 percent decrease from 97.3 percent reported last week. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 22 percent very short, 34 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 24 percent very short, 28 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 14 percent very short, 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 17 percent very short, 16 percent short, and 67 percent adequate last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 2 percent heavy, 76 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	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley						
Planted	80	65	80	74		
Emerged	30	15	32	31		
Corn						
Planted	1	NA	NA	NA		
Sugarbeets						
Planted	35	12	25	28		
Winter Wheat						
Jointed	6	3	2	5		
Cattle and calves						
Cows calved	79	72	71	76		
Sheep and lambs						
Ewes lambed	54	49	60	58		
Sheep shorn	68	59	66	67		

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	5.2	4.0	5.3	4.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	25	28	1	1
Short	30	28	8	13
Adequate	43	44	90	77
Surplus	2		1	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	31	34	<u></u>	3
Short	32	32	11	13
Adequate	36	34	88	77
Surplus	1		1	7

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	4 /	4 ,	,	,
Very poor	21	26	1	2
Poor	31	34	2	9
Fair	33	27	32	30
Good	14	13	59	56
Excellent	1		6	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	3	4
Poor	8	8	3	7
Fair	73	80	18	32
Good	14	7	68	51
Excellent	1	1	8	6
Livestock				
Very poor		1	1	
Poor	5	6	1	2
Fair	24	28	7	16
Good	70	64	89	79
Excellent	1	1	2	3

 $NA-not\ available$

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