



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week brought cooler temperatures to much of Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures were below average for the majority of the State, although counties along the western border experienced temperatures slightly above average. Rainfall totals were varied this week. Some parts of the State received trace amounts of precipitation, while localized areas received over an inch of moisture. Comments from Platte county indicate moisture this week has improved pasture conditions, while reports from Lincoln county expressed serious concern for this growing season due to the lack of irrigation water available. Reports from Washakie county indicate there is little water for livestock and similar reports from Niobrara county express a dire need for moisture. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 6, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 12.9 percent, compared to 9.8 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 36.7 percent of the State, a decrease of 3.2 percentage points from 39.9 percent last week. Severe drought covered 39.8 percent of the State, compared to 38.9 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased from 6.0 percent last week to 5.2 percent of the State this week. Overall, 94.6 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, unchanged from last week. Dry edible bean planting was reported at 8 percent complete this week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 17 percent very short, 22 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 13 percent very short, 21 percent short, and 66 percent adequate last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 78 percent average, and 21 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 95 percent average, and 4 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	90	86	95	89
Emerged	70	47	70	61
Corn				
Planted	30	9	37	37
Emerged	4	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Planted	8	--	--	2
Sugarbeets				
Planted	74	50	64	63
Emerged	30	10	33	20
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	16	8	23	29
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	88	84	88	90
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	64	58	78	72
Sheep shorn	78	71	83	83

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.....	5.4	5.6	6.1	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	25	27	2	2
Short	28	26	21	14
Adequate	45	47	76	74
Surplus	2	--	1	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	31	29	2	4
Short	32	34	19	15
Adequate	36	37	79	73
Surplus	1	--	--	8

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	1	1	NA
Fair.....	35	27	25	NA
Good.....	58	67	48	NA
Excellent.....	4	5	26	NA
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Fair.....	19	NA	11	9
Good	80	NA	81	86
Excellent.....	1	NA	8	5
Other hay				
Very poor	1	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	1	1	NA
Fair.....	29	20	12	NA
Good.....	65	79	85	NA
Excellent.....	2	--	2	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	18	19	2	1
Poor.....	29	29	5	7
Fair.....	31	34	31	26
Good	21	18	52	59
Excellent.....	1	--	10	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	--	4	3
Poor.....	4	4	4	6
Fair.....	71	78	13	30
Good	23	17	71	53
Excellent.....	1	1	8	8
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	4	2	2
Fair.....	27	29	9	13
Good	70	65	85	79
Excellent.....	1	1	3	5

NA – not available

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