



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** This week brought widespread moisture to much of Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures remained at or below average and the majority of the State experienced some level of precipitation this week. Most areas saw minimal amounts of rainfall, while the southeastern corner of the State had over one inch of moisture reported. Despite the widespread moisture, precipitation levels remain below average for this time of year. Comments from Big Horn and Weston counties indicate the moisture received was not significant enough to improve drought and pasture conditions. Goshen county reported planting is finishing up for the year. Reports from Niobrara county point towards improving conditions, with more significant moisture still needed. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 13, 2021, 89.5 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a 5.4 percent decrease from 94.6 percent last week. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 8.8 percent, compared to 12.9 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 46.9 percent of the State, an increase of 10.2 percentage points from 36.7 percent last week. Severe drought covered 30.1 percent of the State, compared to 39.8 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased from 5.2 percent last week to 3.7 percent of the State this week. Barley and sugarbeet planting are concluding, with planting reported at 95 percent and 92 percent complete this week, respectively. Corn planting was reported at 45 percent complete this week, compared to 61 percent planted this time last year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 15 percent very short, 15 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 17 percent very short, 22 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	95	90	NA	NA
Emerged .....	81	70	81	74
Corn				
Planted .....	45	30	61	57
Emerged .....	12	4	25	19
Dry edible beans				
Planted .....	16	8	1	6
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	92	74	85	80
Emerged .....	50	30	54	34
Winter Wheat				
Jointed .....	18	16	35	46
Booted .....	1	--	1	3
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	91	88	93	94
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed .....	70	64	88	79
Sheep shorn .....	85	78	91	90

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.....	5.9	5.4	6.1	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	17	25	2	2
Short .....	30	28	30	16
Adequate .....	53	45	67	69
Surplus .....	--	2	1	13
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	25	31	4	4
Short .....	32	32	26	18
Adequate .....	43	36	70	71
Surplus .....	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	9	2	1	NA
Fair.....	35	35	21	NA
Good.....	49	58	57	NA
Excellent.....	6	4	21	NA
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	21	19	9	10
Good .....	79	80	79	84
Excellent.....	--	1	12	--
Other hay				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	3	5	NA
Fair.....	35	29	7	NA
Good.....	56	65	88	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	16	18	1	--
Poor.....	29	29	5	5
Fair.....	34	31	26	24
Good .....	21	21	61	64
Excellent.....	--	1	7	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	1	4	3
Poor.....	4	4	4	6
Fair.....	77	71	17	29
Good .....	18	23	67	52
Excellent.....	1	1	8	10
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	1	1
Fair.....	28	27	7	12
Good .....	69	70	91	81
Excellent.....	1	1	1	6

NA – not available

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