



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced above average temperatures and scattered precipitation this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation totals varied across the State. Areas along the northeastern border received over half an inch of moisture, while the southwestern corner of the State received no significant moisture. The majority of the State received 0.1 inches of rain this week. Albany county reported scattered showers are causing variable pasture conditions throughout the county. Goshen county reported occasional rain showers received this week helped slow the drying out of pastures. There were reports in Niobrara county of localized heavy rainfall with hail and damaging winds, possible damage to crops is still being assessed. Daily temperatures were 4 degrees warmer than average for most of the State this week. Counties in the southwestern corner were even hotter, with average temperatures 6 to 8 degrees above normal. Lincoln and Uinta county reported a very hot, dry week. The lack of moisture and high temperatures are increasing fire risks in areas. Natrona county reported continued heat and drought, along with an increased fire risk and Weston county reported multiple wildfires caused by lightning this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 8, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 13.6 percent, compared to 13.7 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 28.8 percent of the State, a slight decrease from 30.8 percent last week. Severe drought increased 1.4 percentage points from 44.1 percent last week to 45.5 percent of the State this week. Extreme drought conditions increased from 9.0 percent last week to 9.6 percent this week. Overall, 97.5 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, compared to 97.6 percent last week.

There were multiple reports of worsening livestock conditions this week. Ranchers in Lincoln county reported they are beginning to sell livestock. Producers in Carbon county reported they are moving livestock to fall and winter pastures, while others reported selling livestock. Producers in Washakie and Hot Springs county reported very poor range conditions with comments that livestock will be moved off range areas early this year. There were multiple reports expressing concern about hay production. Comments from Lincoln and Weston county suggested the outlook for hay production is very poor. Carbon county producers reported they are expecting yields to be 30 to 50 percent of normal yields. Haying is just beginning in Albany county, with initial production expected to be variable due to the scattered precipitation received in the county. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 31 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, compared to 22 percent very short, 36 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 35 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting harvested.....	88	83	95	91
2 nd cutting harvested.....	7	4	11	5
Barley				
Headed	90	76	83	74
Turning color.....	54	28	42	29
Mature	6	2	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	6	4	18	9
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	53	50	71	65
Winter Wheat				
Headed	96	80	97	93
Turning color.....	55	35	58	56
Mature	14	12	22	23

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.7	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	30	22	26	13
Short.....	49	46	48	34
Adequate	21	30	26	50
Surplus	--	2	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	42	35	23	12
Short.....	34	34	48	32
Adequate	24	30	29	54
Surplus	--	1	--	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	13	6	4	3
Poor.....	18	14	20	9
Fair.....	20	28	16	19
Good	42	46	60	66
Excellent	7	6	--	3
Barley				
Very poor	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	4	4
Fair.....	23	23	14	10
Good	74	74	74	84
Excellent	--	1	8	2
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	15	17	17	11
Good	85	81	72	84
Excellent	--	2	8	3
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	22	10	15	11
Good	78	87	85	85
Excellent	--	3	--	1
Other hay				
Very poor	12	3	4	2
Poor.....	17	8	10	6
Fair.....	45	58	13	16
Good	22	28	73	74
Excellent	4	3	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	17	13	15	7
Poor.....	31	31	21	13
Fair.....	37	35	39	25
Good	14	20	22	49
Excellent	1	1	3	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	11	--	4
Fair.....	27	24	8	15
Good	62	64	92	80
Excellent	--	1	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	3	9	4
Poor.....	10	9	16	9
Fair.....	69	63	29	28
Good	17	24	46	56
Excellent	--	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	1
Fair.....	30	23	12	10
Good	67	74	84	82
Excellent	1	1	3	7

NA – not available

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