



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** This week brought minimal precipitation to Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State was extremely dry this week, receiving 0.02 inches or less of precipitation; however, some counties did receive some much needed moisture. Scattered storms were reported in Weston county, some of which were severe with damaging hail reported. Goshen county reported rain showers received this week helped maintain pasture conditions despite hot temperatures. Converse, Lincoln, and Uinta counties reported a very hot week with no moisture. Temperatures across the State varied this week. The western border was warmer than average, with daily temperatures 2 to 5 degrees above normal. Areas along the eastern border were cooler, with daily temperatures at or slightly below average. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 15, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 13.6 percent, unchanged from last week. Moderate drought was present across 29.0 percent of the State, a slight decrease from 28.8 percent last week. Severe drought covered 38.1 percent of the State, compared to 45.5 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions increased 7.1 percentage points from 9.6 percent last week to 16.7 percent of the State this week. Exceptional drought was present across 0.1 percent of the State. Overall, 97.5 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, unchanged from last week.

Big Horn county reported continuing drought conditions and diminishing stock water supplies. Carbon county producers reported hay production on most fields is less than 50 percent of usual production. Comments also indicated an increase in producers hauling water to livestock and several producers selling livestock. Despite a few showers in Platte county this week, comments indicated pasture conditions are worsening and grass is being hayed wherever it can be found. Harvest of the second cutting of alfalfa hay and first cutting of other hay is slightly behind last year. The second cutting of alfalfa hay is reported at 15 percent harvested, compared to 28 percent harvested this time last year and other hay is reported at 67 percent harvested compared to 78 percent harvested this time last year. Winter wheat harvest has begun and was reported at 4 percent complete this week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 30 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, compared to 31 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 35 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 30 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 36 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	96	88	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	15	7	28	18
Barley				
Headed .....	99	90	89	86
Turning color.....	67	54	58	47
Mature .....	24	6	17	9
Corn				
Silking .....	5	--	1	5
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	24	6	40	24
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	67	53	78	75
Winter Wheat				
Turning color.....	80	55	81	77
Mature .....	26	14	42	43
Harvested .....	4	--	NA	NA

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	6.8	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	21	30	28	13
Short.....	53	49	43	35
Adequate .....	25	21	29	49
Surplus .....	1	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	42	22	12
Short.....	38	34	49	35
Adequate .....	29	24	29	52
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1

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 .....	12	13	3	3
Poor.....	12	18	12	6
Fair.....	24	20	16	17
Good .....	45	42	69	71
Excellent .....	7	7	--	3
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	2	2	2
Fair.....	23	23	17	10
Good .....	76	74	73	86
Excellent .....	1	--	8	2
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	6	2
Fair.....	8	15	15	11
Good .....	91	85	72	84
Excellent .....	1	--	7	3
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	18	22	15	11
Good .....	80	78	85	85
Excellent .....	2	--	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	20	17	17	7
Poor.....	32	31	24	14
Fair.....	36	37	40	27
Good .....	12	14	19	48
Excellent .....	--	1	--	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	11	--	2
Fair.....	27	27	8	15
Good .....	59	62	92	82
Excellent .....	3	--	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	1	4	11	5
Poor.....	9	10	17	8
Fair.....	65	69	29	29
Good .....	24	17	43	56
Excellent .....	1	--	--	2
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	2
Fair.....	32	30	14	10
Good .....	65	67	81	83
Excellent .....	1	1	1	5

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