



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced another week of above average temperatures and scattered precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Counties in the central portion of the State received no significant moisture this week. Areas along the borders received roughly 0.1 inches or less of moisture, with localized areas receiving over a quarter inch of rainfall. Reports from Platte county indicate some areas in the county received significant moisture this week, but overall, the county is still dry. Weston county reported severe hailstorms that damaged pastures and crops. Average daily temperatures were 4 degrees above normal for most of the State this week. Goshen county reported a very hot, dry week and comments indicate irrigation water supplies are being heavily used. Converse and Lincoln counties reported hot, dry conditions are persisting. Drought conditions worsened this week, with extreme drought conditions expanding to cover roughly one-third of the State. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 22, 2021, 97.7 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a slight increase from 97.5 percent last week. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 10.1 percent, compared to 13.6 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 39.8 percent of the State, compared to 29.0 percent last week. Severe drought covered 24.3 percent of the State, a decrease from 38.1 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions increased 16.7 percentage points from 16.7 percent last week to 33.4 percent of the State this week. Exceptional drought was present across 0.1 percent of the State, unchanged from last week.

Carbon county producers are continuing to haul water to livestock and are selling off herds early, with some producers reporting they will significantly cull herds this year. Brand inspectors in Carbon county reported more cattle are in fair to poor condition than in good to fair condition. Alfalfa hay production in the county is reported being significantly lower than previous years and there were reports of aphids and weevils in the alfalfa hay this week. Weston county comments indicate water supplies are dwindling, as the county is getting requests for assistance to drill water wells for livestock. Goshen county reported feed values are dropping. Comments also indicate pastures in Goshen county are drying out quickly. Despite dry conditions, Platte county producers are reporting irrigated crops are doing well and wheat harvest is wrapping. Statewide, barley harvest was reported at 11 percent complete this week and winter wheat harvest was reported at 18 percent complete this week, compared to 45 percent complete this time last year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 34 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 33 percent adequate, compared to 30 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 35 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 36 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 32 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	31	15	40	31
Barley				
Turning color.....	76	67	71	66
Mature	41	24	34	25
Harvested	11	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Silked	24	5	17	20
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	40	24	55	43
Setting pods.....	10	--	17	13
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	81	67	82	82
Winter Wheat				
Turning color.....	95	80	95	91
Mature	40	26	62	67
Harvested	18	4	45	21

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	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	34	21	37	16
Short.....	45	53	38	36
Adequate	20	25	25	46
Surplus	1	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	43	33	29	14
Short.....	35	38	49	39
Adequate	22	29	22	46
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	19	12	4	4
Poor.....	11	12	10	6
Fair.....	23	24	8	14
Good	41	45	78	74
Excellent	6	7	--	2
Barley				
Very poor	3	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	4	3
Fair.....	21	23	11	9
Good	73	76	82	87
Excellent	1	1	3	1
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	5	8	12	10
Good	91	91	81	86
Excellent	4	1	4	2
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	18	18	19	11
Good	79	80	81	86
Excellent	3	2	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor	29	20	22	8
Poor.....	32	32	28	14
Fair.....	28	36	39	29
Good	11	12	11	44
Excellent	--	--	--	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	11	--	1
Fair.....	27	27	--	12
Good	61	59	100	86
Excellent	1	3	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	1	8	5
Poor.....	4	9	12	8
Fair.....	45	65	36	29
Good	38	24	44	54
Excellent	3	1	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	5	2	4	2
Fair.....	26	32	15	10
Good	68	65	78	83
Excellent	1	1	2	5

NA – not available

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