



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** This week brought varied precipitation totals to Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State received 0.3 inches or more of rainfall; however, totals ranged from 0.1 inches to over an inch. In Weston county, there were reports of over 3 inches of rainfall in isolated areas, while other parts of the county received no moisture. Niobrara and Laramie counties reported similar conditions - parts of the county received substantial moisture, while other parts remained very dry this week. Natrona county reported spotty moisture as well. Temperatures remained above average this week. Average daily high temperatures were 2 to 4 degrees above normal, while average daily low temperatures were 4 to 8 degrees above normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 29, 2021, 97.8 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, compared to 97.7 percent last week. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 5.0 percent, a decrease from 10.1 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 31.8 percent of the State, compared to 29.8 percent last week. Severe drought covered 27.5 percent of the State, roughly a 13 percent increase from 24.3 percent last week. Extreme drought and exceptional drought conditions remained unchanged at 33.4 percent and 0.1 percent of the State, respectively.

Despite the welcomed moisture in some areas this week, conditions throughout the State did not improve. Comments from Big Horn county indicate stock water supplies and reservoirs are dried up. Weston county producers are continuing to request water for livestock, with many producers still indicating they will be selling down herds. Goshen county reported the prolonged drought conditions are beginning to stress crops, noting that forage quality is decreasing, and pastures are completely dried out. Despite the rainfall received in Niobrara county, conditions remain very dry and stock water supplies are reported being very short. Platte county reported significant moisture this week that improved ground moisture and crop conditions; however, the rain did briefly stop barley harvest in the county. Winter wheat harvest was reported at 45 percent complete this week, compared to 75 percent harvested this time last year. Corn and dry edible beans are progressing slightly behind last year. Corn was reported 40 percent silked compared to 45 percent this time last year and 33 percent of dry edible beans are setting pods, compared to 45 percent this time last year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 25 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 33 percent adequate, compared to 34 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 33 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 27 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 35 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	42	31	60	48
Barley				
Turning color.....	84	76	78	80
Mature .....	62	41	54	44
Harvested .....	32	11	20	16
Corn				
Silked .....	40	24	45	41
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	62	40	82	66
Setting pods.....	33	10	45	29
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	93	81	88	88
Winter Wheat				
Mature .....	60	40	90	89
Harvested .....	45	18	75	42

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 .....	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	34	30	14
Short.....	49	45	38	37
Adequate .....	25	20	32	47
Surplus .....	1	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	35	43	28	12
Short.....	38	35	45	38
Adequate .....	26	22	27	49
Surplus .....	1	--	--	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 .....	18	19	3	3
Poor.....	10	11	13	6
Fair.....	17	23	15	15
Good .....	50	41	69	74
Excellent .....	5	6	--	2
Barley				
Very poor .....	1	3	1	--
Poor.....	1	2	5	4
Fair.....	15	21	16	9
Good .....	82	73	78	87
Excellent .....	1	1	--	--
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	6	4
Fair.....	5	5	20	14
Good .....	91	91	74	80
Excellent .....	4	4	--	2
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	18	18	20	14
Good .....	79	79	80	80
Excellent .....	3	3	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	24	29	17	7
Poor.....	35	32	36	16
Fair.....	30	28	35	31
Good .....	10	11	12	40
Excellent .....	1	--	--	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	11	11	--	3
Fair.....	27	27	3	13
Good .....	61	61	97	82
Excellent .....	1	1	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	7	10	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	54	45	NA	NA
Good .....	30	38	NA	NA
Excellent .....	1	3	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	5	4	2
Fair.....	30	26	15	12
Good .....	62	68	80	80
Excellent .....	1	1	1	6

NA – not available

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