



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced widespread moisture and seasonal temperatures this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Although the precipitation was widespread, totals varied across the State. Counties in the north western corner received over an inch of rain while localized areas throughout the State received less than 0.05 inches of rainfall. The majority of the State received between 0.1 inches and 0.4 inches of rain, with reports of severe storms and torrential rain in some areas. Lincoln county reported thunderstorms producing significant rainfall causing flash floods and Weston county reported hailstorms that damaged pasture grass and crops. Goshen county reported scattered torrential rainfall, bringing relief to localized areas, but leaving much of the county dry. This week brought average temperatures for this time of year to most of the State. Overall, daily temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal to 2 degrees below normal. According to the United States Drought Monitor for August 5, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 5.1 percent, compared to 5.0 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 31.9 percent of the State, compared to 31.8 percent last week. Severe drought covered 25.8 percent of the State, a decrease from 27.5 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions increased 1.7 percentage points from 33.4 percent last week to 35.1 percent of the State this week. Exceptional drought decreased to cover 0.0 percent of the State, compared to 0.1 percent last week. Overall, 97.9 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a slight increase from 97.8 percent last week.

Although the widespread moisture was needed, reports of dry conditions continued this week. Niobrara county reported spotty moisture, but heat and wind worsened dry conditions in the county. There were reports from Weston county of livestock producers requesting assistance to drill water wells or install pipelines. Lincoln county remains dry despite storms received this week and producers reported that there will be minimal second crop hay harvested this year due to dry conditions and lack of irrigation water. Goshen county comments indicated the county is drying out heading into fall. Platte county, although dry, remains in better condition than last year. There were comments this week that water allocations are being increased for the second time this season and pastures are in good condition, with enough grass for the remaining grazing season. Winter wheat was reported 95 percent mature this week, compared to 96 percent this time last year, and winter wheat harvest was reported at 80 percent complete, compared to 93 percent this time last year. Barley harvest was reported at 50 percent complete this week, compared to 34 percent harvested this time last year. Dry edible beans began turning color this week, reported at 7 percent coloring. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 30 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 30 percent adequate, compared to 25 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 33 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 33 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	67	42	74	64
Barley				
Turning color.....	95	84	85	88
Mature	76	62	66	60
Harvested	50	32	34	32
Corn				
Silked	60	40	74	65
Doughed	15	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	80	62	95	85
Setting pods.....	50	33	74	48
Turning color.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	95	93	91	91
Winter Wheat				
Mature	95	60	96	95
Harvested	80	45	93	64

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	6.3	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	25	34	16
Short.....	53	49	29	34
Adequate	27	25	37	48
Surplus	1	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	26	35	33	16
Short.....	38	38	36	35
Adequate	35	26	31	48
Surplus	1	1	--	1

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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	27	18	2	3
Poor.....	15	10	15	6
Fair.....	9	17	19	14
Good	45	50	64	74
Excellent	4	5	--	3
Barley				
Very poor	4	1	2	--
Poor.....	5	1	6	3
Fair.....	20	15	13	9
Good	70	82	79	88
Excellent	1	1	--	--
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	6	4
Fair.....	6	5	20	16
Good	90	91	74	78
Excellent	4	4	--	2
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	18	18	19	15
Good	79	79	81	80
Excellent	3	3	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	32	24	25	8
Poor.....	35	35	34	16
Fair.....	25	30	33	34
Good	7	10	8	36
Excellent	1	1	--	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	11	--	2
Fair.....	27	27	4	15
Good	61	61	96	80
Excellent	1	1	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	7	NA	NA
Poor.....	10	8	NA	NA
Fair.....	63	54	NA	NA
Good	22	30	NA	NA
Excellent	4	1	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	4	2
Fair.....	39	30	17	13
Good	53	62	78	78
Excellent	1	1	1	7

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