



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week brought scattered precipitation and mild temperatures to most of Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Counties along the western border received much needed moisture this week, with rainfall totals over half an inch in some areas. There was scarce precipitation for areas in the central and eastern portions of the State. Scattered areas received 0.25 inches of rainfall, with many areas receiving no significant rainfall. Niobrara and Lincoln counties reported no moisture this week. Much of the State experienced average temperatures during the week. Average daily temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above to 2 degrees below normal temperatures for this time of year. Temperatures in the northwestern corner dipped 4 degrees below normal while temperatures in the southeastern corner reached 3 degrees above normal. Lincoln county reported cooler daytime temperatures, with nighttime temperatures reaching freezing. Despite scattered precipitation received this week, drought conditions remained mostly unchanged. According to the United States Drought Monitor for August 26, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 4.9 percent, compared to 5.3 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 35.0 percent of the State, compared to 34.4 percent last week. Severe drought and extreme drought conditions remained unchanged at 29.4 percent and 30.5 percent of the State, respectively. Overall, 99.8 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, a slight increase from 99.6 percent last week.

Platte county reported cooler temperatures this week improved non-irrigated pasture conditions. Comments from Goshen and Weston county indicated another week of warm temperatures and spotty rainfall. Despite the spotty rainfall in Weston county, the county remains dry and water sources are stressed. Grass conditions remain poor and with increased hay prices, the county is seeing ranchers sell livestock earlier than normal. Corn was reported at 22 percent dented this week, compared to 26 percent dented this time last year. Dry edible beans are 17 percent cut, compared to 20 percent cut this time last year. Harvest of the second cutting of alfalfa hay is nearing completion, with harvest reported at 95 percent this week. Winter wheat planting continues - planting was reported at 7 percent this week compared to 3 percent planted this time last year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 32 percent very short, 43 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 30 percent very short, 40 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 19 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 11 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.....	95	84	NA	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	25	12	32	17
Barley				
Harvested	80	71	81	82
Corn				
Doughed	80	58	94	76
Dented	22	7	26	13
Dry edible beans				
Turning color.....	55	38	56	53
Cut.....	17	7	20	9
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	7	3	3	3

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	6.9	5.7	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	33	52	24
Short.....	42	36	24	35
Adequate	32	28	24	39
Surplus	1	3	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	29	34	53	25
Short.....	38	35	27	34
Adequate	32	30	20	40
Surplus	1	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	14	13	4	3
Poor.....	17	11	20	8
Fair.....	19	19	16	14
Good	45	52	60	69
Excellent	5	5	--	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	8	5
Fair.....	7	6	22	16
Good	91	90	70	78
Excellent	2	4	--	1
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	3
Fair.....	18	18	19	13
Good	79	79	80	83
Excellent	3	3	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor	31	32	35	14
Poor.....	37	31	38	19
Fair.....	22	25	23	32
Good	9	11	4	31
Excellent	1	1	--	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	3	--	--
Poor.....	--	8	--	4
Fair.....	18	27	3	12
Good	80	61	97	81
Excellent	2	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	1	--
Poor.....	7	4	5	2
Fair.....	39	34	25	16
Good	52	61	69	77
Excellent	1	1	--	5
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				