



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced yet another week of above average temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation totals varied across the State. Counties in the southwestern corner of the State, and southern portions of Sweetwater and Carbon counties received over a quarter inch of rainfall. Areas along the northern border and into the central portion of the State remained exceptionally dry this week, with no significant moisture reported. Counties along the eastern border received trace amounts of rainfall, with totals around 0.1 inch or less. Average daily temperatures ranged from 2 to 4 degrees above average for the majority of the State. After another week with no significant moisture and above average temperatures, Campbell county is reporting exceptional drought conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 16, 2021, 100.0 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, due to persistent dry conditions. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 3.2 percent, a slight decrease from 3.8 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 32.9 percent of the State, compared to 33.1 percent last week. Severe drought covered 37.0 percent of the State, an increase from 36.0 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions remained unchanged at 26.9 percent of the State.

Lincoln county reported a positive outlook on fall grazing, but there are reports ranchers may begin selling down livestock herds due to poor hay production and the inability to purchase hay. There were similar remarks from Campbell county of producers not being able to find hay due to the lack of availability and high prices. Comments indicate there is an above average number of cattle being sold as ranchers try to reduce herd sizes. Conditions in Niobrara county are very dry and there are reports of calves being weaned a month earlier than usual. Goshen county reported producers began harvesting corn for silage this week. Winter wheat was 25 percent emerged this week, compared to 13 percent emerged this time last year. Dry edible beans are progressing behind last year. This week the crop was reported as 46 percent cut and 30 percent harvested, compared to 58 percent cut and 42 percent harvested this time last year. Sugarbeet harvest continues ahead of last year, with harvest reported at 24 percent complete this week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 36 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 13 percent adequate, compared to 33 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 17 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 24 percent very poor, 40 percent poor, 19 percent fair, and 17 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting harvested	58	53	62	57
Corn				
Dented	62	53	63	63
Mature	20	14	36	24
Harvested for silage.....	49	30	46	48
Dry edible beans				
Cut.....	46	41	58	58
Harvested	30	22	42	34
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	24	16	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	40	26	38	54
Emerged	25	5	13	17
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	6.5	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	41	32	40	21
Short.....	47	47	25	35
Adequate	12	21	35	40
Surplus	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	52	43	49	25
Short.....	36	38	27	34
Adequate	12	19	24	39
Surplus	--	--	--	2
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	20	12	1	NA
Poor.....	16	11	20	NA
Fair.....	17	25	13	NA
Good	42	48	66	NA
Excellent	5	4	--	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	8	3
Fair.....	5	6	32	19
Good	87	88	60	77
Excellent	8	6	--	1
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	5
Fair.....	12	20	19	13
Good	88	80	77	80
Excellent	--	--	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	39	31	36	15
Poor.....	32	39	35	19
Fair.....	24	26	19	36
Good	5	4	10	28
Excellent	--	--	--	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	3	--	--
Poor.....	4	8	--	--
Fair.....	25	27	1	14
Good	71	62	99	83
Excellent	--	--	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	2	2
Fair.....	37	37	22	16
Good	55	57	76	77
Excellent	2	1	--	5

NA – not available

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