



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation totals varied and temperatures remained above average for Wyoming this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Much of the State received between 0.1 and 0.7 inches of moisture this week and Lincoln and Big Horn counties reported snowfall at higher elevations. The western border of the State received substantial moisture, with totals over one inch for some areas. Counties in the southeastern corner remained dry, with precipitation totals only reaching 0.02 inches in most places. Goshen county reported another dry week, noting only trace amounts of precipitation received over the last month. Lincoln county reported significant moisture this week. The moisture was too late to help this year’s crops but will be helpful for next year’s runoff. The State once again experienced unseasonably warm temperatures. The western border and southwestern corner of the State had average to 4 degrees above average temperatures, while counties in the central portion of the State were slightly warmer with temperatures 4 to 8 degrees above average. Counties along the eastern border and northeastern corner of the State were the hottest this week, with temperatures 8 to 12 degrees above average. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 7, 2021, 100.0 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. The amount of land experiencing abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions remained unchanged at 2.1 percent and 27.5 percent, respectively. Severe drought was present across 37.4 percent of the State, a decrease from 41.1 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions increased to cover 33.0 percent of the State, roughly a 12.6 percent increase from 29.3 percent last week.

Platte county reported some moisture was received this week, but it is too late to improve pasture conditions. There were also reports from Platte county that sugarbeet harvest is now underway. Reports from Lincoln county indicate sheep herds are being moved onto winter ranges. Harvest of fall crops continues. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was reported at 85 percent harvested this week. Harvest of corn for grain was reported at 10 percent complete this week and harvest of corn for silage was almost finished this week, with harvest reported at 99 percent complete. Dry edible bean harvest is 91 percent complete and sugarbeet harvest is 50 percent complete. Winter wheat planting wrapped up this week, with planting reported at 99 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 28 percent very short, 48 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 37 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 14 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 13 percent very poor, 45 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 26 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	85	70	83	80
Corn				
Mature	71	42	97	84
Harvested for grain.....	10	1	37	15
Harvested for silage.....	99	89	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	91	84	91	84
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	50	48	41	32
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	99	86	NA	NA
Emerged	79	51	77	80
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	6.5	7.0	6.8	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	38	46	37	17
Short.....	42	44	50	35
Adequate	19	10	13	42
Surplus	1	--	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	49	41	19
Short.....	40	38	40	38
Adequate	20	13	19	41
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)
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	7	3
Fair.....	5	5	39	19
Good	88	88	54	77
Excellent	7	7	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor	32	41	32	14
Poor.....	30	33	38	18
Fair.....	26	21	29	35
Good	11	5	1	30
Excellent	1	--	--	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	--	--
Fair.....	27	27	4	11
Good	61	62	96	85
Excellent	1	--	--	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	NA	9	3
Poor.....	7	NA	16	7
Fair.....	63	NA	32	30
Good	25	NA	39	58
Excellent	4	NA	4	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	6	8	7	3
Fair.....	31	33	21	16
Good	60	58	71	76
Excellent	3	1	--	4
NA – not available				
(--)- zero				