

## WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Most areas of the state experienced above average temperatures in February, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Snow totals were slightly above average in isolated areas, but for the most part, accumulated moisture ran below the norm. Lower than average snowpack totals caused concern for farmers in Lincoln county. In Laramie county, snow fall was below average, followed by drying winds. Dryness in Sheridan county continued to impact ranges and livestock. Good forage was lacking. In Weston county, dryness also persisted. Water reserves remained low and ranchers provided supplemental feed to livestock at above average rates. Some operations were selling yearling livestock early. Goshen county also reported dry and windy weather. Platte county received a few snowstorms, but accumulations were below average which did little to improve ground moisture levels. According to the United States Drought Monitor released on February 17, 2022, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 2.4 percent, down from 2.7 percent on January 18. Moderate drought was present across 30.8 percent of the state, a decrease from 31.5 percent last month. Severe drought covered 55.7 percent of the state, compared with 61.1 percent last month, and extreme drought conditions covered 11.1 percent of the state, up from 4.6 percent last month. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 29 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 43 percent adequate, compared with 13 percent very short, 42 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 10 percent very short, 36 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent very short, 28 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last month.

**Note:** The next monthly report will be released for March on Monday, March 28, 2022. The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 4, 2022.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
Cattle and calves	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Cows calved Sheep and lambs	3	1	6	NA		
Ewes lambed	3	2	5	NA		
Sheep shorn	2	NA	2	NA		

NA – not available

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## SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Topsoil moisture					
Very short	42	23	48	NA	
Short	30	37	39	NA	
Adequate	28	39	13	NA	
Surplus		1		NA	
Subsoil moisture					
Very short	42	24	45	NA	
Short	38	48	39	NA	
Adequate	20	27	16	NA	
Surplus		1		NA	

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION					
Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Pasture and range	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,	
Very poor	28	25	29	NA	
Poor	28	24	30	NA	
Fair	28	31	31	NA	
Good	16	19	10	NA	
Excellent		1		NA	
Winter wheat					
Very poor	7	7	4	NA	
Poor	29	26	16	NA	
Fair	52	49	76	NA	
Good	12	17	4	NA	
Excellent		1		NA	
Livestock					
Very poor				NA	
Poor	1	3	8	NA	
Fair	11	13	32	NA	
Good	86	81	59	NA	
Excellent	2	3	1	NA	

NA – not available

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