



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The week brought above average temperatures to most of Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures were highest in the northern portions of the State, while areas of the southeast experienced below average temperatures. Rainfall totals varied, but in most portions of the State precipitation was below normal. In outlying areas of the northwest and southeast, however, averages were above normal. Isolated areas of central Wyoming benefitted the most with as much as 2.0 inches of rain and above. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 5, 2022, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 5.9 percent, unchanged from last week. Moderate drought was present across 38.4 percent of the State, an increase of 3.2 percentage points from 35.2 percent last week. Severe drought covered 47.6 percent of the State, compared to 40.6 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions improved, falling to 8.1 percent of the state compared to 18.3 percent last week. Precipitation amounts varied in Big Horn County where northern portions of the County remained extremely dry. Only 0.40 inches of moisture were reportedly received in northern areas since the start of the year. Reports from Goshen County indicated precipitation replenished soils though moisture was insufficient and too late for some farmers. High winds once again dried fields. In Laramie County, rains revitalized struggling crops. Soil moisture levels held for a while until high winds returned and dried fields and ranges. Comments from Lincoln County indicated cool and wet conditions, as subsoil remained cold, and lands were too wet for field activities. Grasses and alfalfa were growing, with concerns alfalfa might still be affected by frost. In Niobrara County, crop and rangeland conditions improved from the snow and rain. Stock water supplies also benefitted from the moisture and a report indicated a high number of livestock were killed due to the snowstorm that occurred April 23, 2022. Comments from Platte County indicated good moisture alleviated the drought that has lingered for over 10 months. Pastures were greening and winter wheat was growing well. Farmers were planting spring crops and were expected to tap into irrigation water soon. In Weston County, forage was greening but short due to poor growing conditions. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 52 percent fair, and 17 percent good, compared to 3 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 43 percent fair, and 23 percent good last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 25 percent very short, 32 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 20 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 51 percent adequate last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 10 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 33 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 4 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 39 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	88	83	89	89
Emerged	70	55	67	61
Corn				
Planted.....	29	2	27	33
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	60	48	71	61
Emerged	19	3	27	20
Winter wheat				
Jointed	20	12	15	22
Booted.....	2	--	--	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	89	84	87	89
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed	72	68	63	69
Sheep shorn	78	71	77	83

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.4	5.9	5.4	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	42	51	25	7
Short	25	25	28	18
Adequate.....	33	24	45	71
Surplus.....	--	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	43	52	31	10
Short	34	34	32	19
Adequate.....	23	14	36	67
Surplus.....	--	--	1	4

NA – not available

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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.....	3	NA	1	NA
Poor.....	11	NA	2	NA
Fair	43	NA	35	NA
Good	42	NA	58	NA
Excellent.....	1	NA	4	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	NA	1	NA
Poor.....	5	NA	3	NA
Fair	55	NA	29	NA
Good	39	NA	65	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	2	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	35	39	18	5
Poor.....	18	19	29	12
Fair	25	29	31	28
Good	21	13	21	50
Excellent.....	1	--	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	9	1	3
Poor.....	34	43	4	7
Fair	45	40	71	40
Good	13	8	23	46
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	2	4	1	2
Fair	17	18	27	17
Good	79	77	70	76
Excellent.....	2	1	1	4

NA – not available

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