



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation levels remained below normal for the majority of Wyoming for the week ending July 31, 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State received rainfall totals from near zero to 0.4 inches. Only isolated areas received totals up to 1.0 inches of moisture. Temperatures varied and ran from 2 to 4 degrees below normal for much of the eastern and southern parts of the State. Sections of the west and northwest, however, saw temperatures as much as 4.0 degrees above average. Wyoming saw little change to drought conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 28, 2022, the amount of land that was drought free fell slightly to 10.4 percent, compared to 10.6 percent the previous week. The amount of land that was abnormally dry stood at 26.7 percent, a minimal increase from last week’s 26.6 percent. Moderate drought was found in 37.9 percent of the state, compared to 37.8 percent the previous week. Severe drought stood at 17.9 percent, a drop of 2.0 percentage points from last week. Extreme drought increased to 7.1 percent, up from last week’s 5.1 percent. Farmers and ranchers were seeing low grass yields in Carbon County. Some producers were pulling livestock from summer grazing lands 3 to 4 weeks early due to the poor forage conditions. Some fields benefitted from the isolated rains in northern parts of Goshen County, but southern areas remained very dry. A report from Lincoln County indicated that the continuing hot and dry conditions were causing some fields to dry up and turn yellow. Irrigation water was under regulation and some hay fields lacked the water necessary for a second crop. A report from Niobrara County echoed the picture in other counties that fields were drying out. In Platte County, some areas were helped by rain showers. The majority of the county was dry and the need for more moisture was critical. Corn was mostly tasseled out. Irrigation water allocations were cut and the negative effects on fields would be seen during the upcoming weeks. Irrigation water supplies across the State were rated 5 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 17 percent fair, and 47 percent good, compared to 1 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 46 percent good last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 6 percent very short, 43 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 5 percent very short, 43 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	32	23	40	44
Barley				
Booted.....	96	94	NA	NA
Headed	89	86	NA	NA
Turning color	81	67	83	78
Mature.....	49	24	59	47
Harvested.....	10	--	29	16
Corn				
Silked	34	9	38	35
Doughed	2	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Blooming.....	78	74	59	65
Setting pods	29	17	30	29
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	79	74	91	85
Winter wheat				
Turning color	98	89	NA	NA
Mature.....	61	37	57	80
Harvested.....	35	18	41	41

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	6.5	6.3	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	28	28	25	17
Short	35	43	49	40
Adequate	37	29	25	43
Surplus	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	29	31	35	17
Short.....	37	38	38	38
Adequate	34	31	26	45
Surplus	--	--	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.....	--	4	18	5
Poor.....	--	3	10	6
Fair.....	13	17	17	15
Good.....	84	75	50	71
Excellent.....	3	1	5	3
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	8	1	3
Fair.....	21	17	15	10
Good.....	78	75	82	87
Excellent.....	1	--	1	--
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	25	25	5	14
Good.....	74	75	91	80
Excellent.....	1	--	4	2
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	10	--	3
Fair.....	43	50	18	15
Good.....	47	40	79	80
Excellent.....	1	--	3	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	14	24	10
Poor.....	15	24	35	20
Fair.....	23	23	30	32
Good.....	46	37	10	33
Excellent.....	4	2	1	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	11	5
Fair.....	13	13	27	16
Good.....	86	87	61	77
Excellent.....	1	--	1	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	18	17	7	NA
Poor.....	40	41	8	NA
Fair.....	29	38	54	NA
Good.....	11	3	30	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	1	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	7	3
Fair.....	15	24	30	15
Good.....	73	71	62	77
Excellent.....	12	5	1	5

NA – not available

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