

## WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures were once again above average for the majority of Wyoming for the week ending August 21, 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Some areas of northwestern Wyoming saw temperatures as much as 5 degrees above normal. In portions of the southeast, however, temperatures were at or only slightly below normal. The week brought mostly below average levels of precipitation. Many areas saw rainfall amounts at or near zero to 0.10 inches. Isolated portions of the southwest, central, and far eastern Wyoming saw precipitation levels of about 0.25 to 0.55 inches of rain. According to the US Drought Monitor for August 18, 2022, drought conditions improved. The amount of land rated drought free increased to 9.9 percent, compared to 7.5 percent the previous week. Conditions were rated abnormally dry in 35.3 percent of the State, up 5.5 percentage points from last week's 29.8 percent. Moderate drought was found in 33.6 percent of Wyoming, down slightly from 34.7 percent last week. Severe drought fell to 19.6 percent, compared to 22.5 percent last week. Extreme drought was found in only 1.6 percent of the State, compared to 5.5 percent the previous week. There was thunderstorm activity in Lincoln County, but more moisture was needed. Nights were getting cold with frost expected at any time. In Goshen County, rains were a boost to farmers prospects for planting winter wheat in the upcoming weeks. The Goshen Hole area remained dry. Irrigation water supplies across the State were rated 12 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 33 percent good, compared to 9 percent very poor, 32 percent short, and 53 percent adequate, compared to 5 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 44 percent adequate last week.

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested	55	45	84	83
Barley				
Turning color	95	91	NA	NA
Mature	83	77	93	84
Harvested	77	50	70	64
Corn				
Silked	97	82	95	95
Doughed	55	35	56	55
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	96	93	NA	NA
Setting pods	89	71	93	85
Turning color	8	1	36	26
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested	95	92	NA	NA
Vinter wheat				
Mature	93	91	NA	NA
Harvested	87	79	NA	NA

(--) – zero

## DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.6	6.6	5.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	ä 45	36	<sup>"</sup> 33	
Short	36	45	36	33
Adequate	19	19	28	37
Surplus			3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	48	39	34	28
Short	39	45	35	36
Adequate	13	16	30	36
Surplus			1	

NA – not available (--) – zero

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	u ,
Very poor			13	4
Poor			11	7
Fair	43	34	19	13
Good	57	66	52	71
Excellent			5	5
Corn			-	-
Very poor				
Poor				4
Fair	24	19	6	14
Good	76	81	90	80
Excellent			4	2
Dry edible beans			•	-
Very poor				
Poor	8	9		3
Fair	35	43	18	14
Good	57	48	79	81
Excellent			3	2
Pasture and range			0	2
Very poor	18	18	32	16
Poor	10	20	31	21
Fair	36	34	25	33
Good	29	28	11	27
Excellent	25	20	1	3
Sugarbeets			1	5
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Very poor Poor			8	1
Foor	18		27	17
Good	82	91	61	75
Excellent	02	91	1	3
			1	3
Livestock				
Very poor				
Poor			4	2
Fair	17	23	34	17
Good	83	77	61	77
Excellent			1	4

NA – not available (--) – zero