



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Western and central portions of Wyoming received beneficial rains for the week ending September 18, 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. These sections of the State received moisture in a range of about 0.5 to 1.5 inches. The majority fell in northern Lincoln, western Sublette, southern Fremont, and western Natrona Counties. The remainder of Wyoming saw precipitation ranging from trace amounts to upwards of 0.5 inches, with portions of the east and northeast receiving the higher amounts of moisture. Temperatures varied, running at or as much as 5 degrees above normal in much of the northern and eastern portions of the State. Western, central and southern sections of Wyoming experienced at or slightly lower than average temperatures. Portions of the west saw averages in the upper 40s and 50s, while some areas of the north and east experienced averages in the upper 60s. Drought conditions improved slightly. According to the US Drought Monitor for September 15, 2022, the amount of land rated drought free improved to 13.3 percent, an increase of 3.4 percentage points from 9.9 the previous week. The amount of land rated abnormally dry improved slightly to 32.6 percent, up from 31.0 percent the previous week. Moderate drought fell by 5.0 percentage points to 32.9 percent from the previous week. Severe and extreme drought conditions were unchanged at 19.6 and 1.6 percent, respectively. In Goshen County, a fourth cutting of alfalfa was on the horizon. Beans were cut and drying down. Canals were shut down for the season. Aftermath grazing improved substantially with the high levels of moisture that were received in Lincoln County. With the wet weather, haying and grain harvests slowed down. Temperatures were lower than or near freezing most nights. A report from Platte County indicated pastures benefitted from the milder temperatures. More moisture, however, was still needed for pastures to improve. Irrigation water was turned off, so rains were a must for crops to finish successfully. Beans were cut and farmers made progress planting wheat. Irrigation water supplies across the State were rated 23 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 37 percent good, compared to 20 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 46 percent good last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 13 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 54 percent adequate, compared to 12 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 57 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	38	23	57	55
Barley				
Harvested.....	96	94	NA	NA
Corn				
Doughed	95	91	NA	NA
Dented	76	57	61	60
Mature	18	1	19	21
Harvested for silage	50	21	46	45
Dry edible beans				
Turning color	84	73	NA	NA
Cut	54	25	45	54
Harvested.....	4	2	29	31
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	1	--	23	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	67	56	38	47
Emerged	24	2	22	16

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.....	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	39	48	41	26
Short	39	30	47	39
Adequate	22	22	12	34
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	40	48	52	32
Short	43	34	36	35
Adequate	17	18	12	33
Surplus	--	--	--	--

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.....	--	--	20	NA
Poor.....	--	--	16	NA
Fair.....	23	25	17	NA
Good.....	77	74	42	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	--	2
Fair.....	11	10	5	17
Good.....	86	83	87	79
Excellent.....	2	5	8	2
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	27	20	12	13
Good.....	72	78	88	82
Excellent.....	1	2	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	24	39	20
Poor.....	15	18	32	24
Fair.....	27	30	24	33
Good.....	36	27	5	22
Excellent.....	2	1	--	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	1
Fair.....	22	14	25	16
Good.....	77	85	71	80
Excellent.....	1	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	6	3
Fair.....	7	12	37	20
Good.....	75	79	55	74
Excellent.....	17	8	2	3

NA – not available
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