



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures were once again above average for the week ending October 9, 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures ran about 2 degrees above normal in the east, and as much as 6 degrees above normal in far western portions of the State. Some much needed moisture was received in portions of the southeast the first two days of the week. Isolated portions of Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, and Platte Counties received the greatest benefit of the rains. A few locations received as much as 0.5 inches of precipitation. Parts of Sheridan County also received some much needed precipitation at the start of the week. For the majority of the State, however, moisture levels were insignificant or zero. According to the US Drought Monitor for October 6, 2022, the amount of land rated drought free increased to 18.2 percent, compared to 15.7 percent the previous week. The amount of land rated abnormally dry stood at 35.1 percent, up 3.3 percentage points from last week. Moderate drought fell to 26.7 percent, down from 32.5 percent. Severe drought conditions covered 16.4 percent of the State, a slight increase from 16.3 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions sat at 3.6 percent, down slightly from 3.7 percent the previous week. Lincoln County remained for the most part dry and cold and moisture was needed. Calves were being weaned and shipped. In Platte County, pastures remained dry. Sugar beet harvest started at a slow pace and corn for grain harvest also began. Fall planted wheat fields in the southeastern portions of the county benefitted from the timely moisture that was received. Temperatures ranged from the upper 40s to mid-70s. Irrigation water supplies across the State were rated 32 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 38 percent good, compared to 23 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 38 percent good last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 15 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 48 percent adequate, compared to 15 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 39 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.....	65	55	83	79
Corn				
Dented	96	93	NA	NA
Mature	74	63	67	78
Harvested for grain.....	3	--	9	14
Harvested for silage	89	85	98	NA
Dry edible beans				
Cut	96	94	NA	NA
Harvested.....	76	56	90	84
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	46	31	50	35
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	91	84	97	NA
Emerged	70	48	75	76

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.....	6.4	5.5	6.5	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	36	29	38	21
Short	37	46	42	39
Adequate	26	24	19	37
Surplus	1	1	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	47	42	40	25
Short	31	40	40	39
Adequate	22	18	20	36
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.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	33	26	NA	NA
Good	65	74	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	2
Fair.....	9	13	5	17
Good	85	86	88	79
Excellent.....	5	--	7	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	15	32	18
Poor.....	23	16	30	21
Fair.....	33	32	26	35
Good	29	35	11	24
Excellent.....	1	2	1	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	8	2
Fair.....	13	6	27	14
Good	86	94	61	79
Excellent.....	1	--	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	8	1	3
Poor.....	25	28	7	7
Fair.....	57	57	63	36
Good	13	6	25	51
Excellent.....	1	1	4	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	6	4
Fair.....	11	7	31	19
Good	78	74	60	73
Excellent.....	10	19	3	3

NA – not available
 (--) – zero