



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of slightly cooler temperatures and limited rainfall, along with 6.6 days suitable for field work allowed for steady harvesting progress across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were slightly below average, ranging from near-normal to 5 degrees below average. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to over an inch during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Reports from Goshen County indicated their dry bean harvesting will start next week, as producers wrap up harvesting corn for silage. Ranchers in the county were starting to ship their yearling cattle. Lincoln County reporters noted cooler temperatures during the week, along with the completion of harvesting the second cutting of hay. Reports from Platte County indicated a great start to their sugarbeet harvest. The irrigation district water for the county has been shut off, and weather conditions were great for wheat planting and corn for silage harvesting. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 3, Wyoming had no area categorized under moderate (D1) drought or worse. Less than 3 percent of Wyoming was categorized as abnormally dry (D0), while drought-free conditions were at 97 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, and 93 percent adequate, compared with 6 percent short and 94 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent fair and 93 percent good, compared with last week’s 10 percent fair and 90 percent good.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting	90	85	NA	NA
3 rd cutting	54	38	64	76
Barley				
Harvested for grain	93	91	NA	NA
Corn				
Dented	78	63	96	NA
Mature	39	25	72	76
Harvested for silage	40	21	88	NA
Dry beans				
Cut	81	62	96	NA
Harvested	52	33	73	83
Other hay				
2 nd cutting	42	38	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	48	29	44	36
Winter wheat				
Planted	90	75	90	NA
Emerged	65	46	67	73

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	6.6	6.9	6.4	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	36	26
Short	22	22	37	42
Adequate	77	78	26	30
Surplus	1	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	47	31
Short	27	27	31	40
Adequate	73	73	22	29
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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	2
Fair.....	10	11	9	16
Good	88	89	85	79
Excellent.....	1	--	5	3
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	18	17	34	NA
Good	81	83	66	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	14	20
Poor.....	1	1	23	22
Fair.....	16	21	33	33
Good	82	78	29	23
Excellent.....	1	--	1	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	18	18	13	15
Good	81	82	86	79
Excellent.....	1	--	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	NA	4	3
Poor.....	8	NA	25	12
Fair.....	49	NA	57	36
Good	35	NA	13	46
Excellent.....	4	NA	1	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	4
Fair.....	1	1	11	18
Good	97	98	78	73
Excellent.....	1	1	10	4

NA – not available
 (--) – zero