



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of slightly colder temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. As the fall season advances, harvest progress was nearing completion for most crops throughout the State. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were varied, with the northern part of the State recording average temperatures as many as 15 degrees below normal. Many southern counties saw temperatures averaging near-normal. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 4 inches during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Reports from Goshen County indicated their calves were being weaned and shipped. Big Horn County reporters noted receiving some snow and freezing temperatures over the week, causing damage to their sugarbeets, possibly so much as to not be able to continue harvesting. Reporters also noted their third cutting of hay would be used for grazing instead of baling due to the snow. Reports from Lincoln County indicated that the ground was starting to freeze, while daytime temperatures were in the low forties and temperatures at night hovered around 10 degrees. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 24, Wyoming was free from severe (D2) drought or worse, although 1 percent of Wyoming was categorized in a moderate drought (D1), and 4 percent of Wyoming was categorized as abnormally dry (D0). Drought-free conditions were at 95 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 6 percent short, and 94 percent adequate, compared with 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 79 percent adequate last week.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting	96	94	NA	NA
3 rd cutting	86	82	94	NA
Corn				
Dented	93	90	NA	NA
Mature	82	76	94	NA
Harvested for silage	81	75	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	13	9	14	37
Dry beans				
Harvested	85	78	95	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting	71	69	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	81	75	96	87
Winter wheat				
Emerged	91	90	90	NA
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	5.9	6.8	6.1	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	6	42	24
Short	40	38	39	34
Adequate	47	56	19	38
Surplus	9	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	14	48	32
Short	49	40	39	37
Adequate	37	46	13	29
Surplus	9	--	--	2
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.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	13	10	9	NA
Good	85	88	89	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	12	17
Poor.....	6	8	34	26
Fair.....	22	26	31	35
Good	72	65	23	20
Excellent.....	--	1	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	3	4	4
Poor.....	9	7	21	11
Fair.....	42	33	55	35
Good	41	53	19	48
Excellent.....	4	4	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	3	2	19	17
Good	96	92	79	78
Excellent.....	--	5	1	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero