



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The majority of Wyoming received above normal amounts of moisture in January according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. In some areas of the state, precipitation levels were as much as 2.5 inches above average. Some areas of northern Wyoming received at or slightly below normal amounts of precipitation so far in January. Temperatures ran mostly below normal in southern Wyoming and above normal in the north and far west. Portions of Fremont, Lincoln, and Sweetwater Counties saw temperatures as much as 6 to 8 degrees below average, while a portion of Sheridan County experienced temperatures as much as 8 degrees above normal. With the escalation in moisture, Wyoming saw an improvement in drought conditions according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on January 26, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free increased to 29.8 percent, compared with 25.6 percent as published on December 29, 2022. The amount of land rated abnormally dry stood at 25.4 percent, compared with 20.8 percent at the end of December. At 24.0 percent, moderate drought changed little from 25.0 last month. Severe drought conditions fell to 17.7 percent, compared with 22.1 percent last month. Extreme drought improved to 3.1 percent, compared with 6.5 percent the end of December. A report from Goshen County signaled that the generous snowfall received thus far will greatly benefit the depleted topsoil moisture levels. Reporters from Hot Springs County indicated that the southern portions of the county received substantial amounts of snow. Laramie County has also received beneficial amounts of snow, but temperatures have not been warm enough for the snow to melt and soak into the soil. There is concern some snow may be lost in the wind. Lincoln County has received abundant snow so far this year along with cold, but tolerable temperatures. Pastures and aftermath feed were buried under the snow cover. Livestock producers were feeding their stock hay. Snowfall this month in Platte County has improved the dry conditions, but not enough to end the drought. Farmers and ranchers remained hopeful that continued much needed snow would benefit pastures and reservoirs. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 7 percent very short, 23 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 4 percent adequate last month. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent very short, 17 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus last month.

**Note:** Monthly reports will be released for February on February 27, 2023; and for March on March 27, 2023.

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	1	NA	1	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambd .....	2	NA	2	NA

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short .....	12	23	23	NA
Short .....	22	33	37	NA
Adequate .....	64	43	39	NA
Surplus .....	2	1	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	15	38	24	NA
Short .....	39	28	48	NA
Adequate .....	46	33	27	NA
Surplus .....	0	1	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	4	25	NA
Poor.....	19	16	24	NA
Fair.....	31	29	31	NA
Good.....	42	48	19	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	1	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	4	7	NA
Poor.....	18	20	26	NA
Fair.....	60	66	49	NA
Good.....	17	9	17	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	1	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	1	2	3	NA
Fair.....	8	13	13	NA
Good.....	86	82	81	NA
Excellent.....	5	2	3	NA

NA – not available

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