



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The majority Wyoming experienced some relief from the ongoing dryness, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) for the period April 3, 2023, to April 9, 2023, the southern two-thirds of Wyoming received moisture levels in a range of about normal to as much as about 1.3 inches above normal. Portions of Fremont and Sweetwater Counties received even higher amounts of precipitation. Moisture levels were at or below normal in the north. Once again temperatures were below normal for all of the State according to the HPRCC. Temperatures were coldest in southern portions of Wyoming. Some areas of the south experienced temperatures as much as 16 degrees or more below normal. Once again, Wyoming saw a slight improvement in drought conditions according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on April 6, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free was unchanged at 44.0 percent. Abnormal dryness was found in 24.7 percent of Wyoming, compared to 19.1 percent the previous week. Moderate drought was found in 22.4 percent of the State, compared to 28.0 percent last week. Once again, both severe and extreme drought conditions were unchanged at 7.6 and 1.3 percent, respectively. Good moisture was received in Goshen County last week. The moisture replenished topsoil that dried out due to strong winds the previous weeks. Northern portions of the County remained snow covered. Some fields were being fertilized, but for the most part no other field work was taking place. Lincoln County was still seeing a lot of snowpack and nights remained cold. Nighttime temperatures were still hovering near or below zero. Daytime temperatures remained at or just above freezing. Lambing and calving difficulties persisted due to the cold weather. The snow cover withheld farmers from field activities and the outlook for agriculture was not good so far this year. Farmers and ranchers remained concerned about potential flooding once temperatures increased. Various producers reported low survivability and elevated calf loss in Sublette County due to the continued cold temperatures. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 12 percent very short, 32 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 9 percent very short, 31 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared to 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 80 percent good and 20 percent excellent, unchanged from last week. Cattle death loss was rated 10 percent heavy, 50 percent average, and 40 percent light, compared to 10 percent heavy, 42 percent average, and 48 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 6 percent heavy, 43 percent average, and 51 percent light, compared to 6 percent heavy, 34 percent average and 60 percent light last week.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley Planted.....	2	1	38	40
Cattle and calves Cows calved.....	51	39	60	56
Sheep and lambs Ewes lambed.....	34	27	53	42
Sheep shorn.....	43	42	37	51

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.5	3.0	6.0	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	4	42	15
Short	18	15	35	19
Adequate	68	77	23	59
Surplus	12	4	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	6	7	43	17
Short	30	30	40	23
Adequate	62	63	17	54
Surplus	2	--	--	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	7	7	36	15
Poor	23	24	24	18
Fair.....	30	25	28	35
Good	40	44	12	31
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	8	8	8	4
Poor	28	27	29	14
Fair.....	52	53	55	47
Good	11	11	8	33
Excellent.....	1	1	--	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	--	3
Fair.....	21	22	8	16
Good	74	73	92	79
Excellent.....	4	4	--	1

NA – not available

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