



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The previous week brought above average temperatures to the majority of Wyoming according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The greater part of Wyoming experienced temperatures running about 2 to 8 degrees above normal according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) for the period April 10, 2023, to April 16, 2023. Exceptions were found in the far west and southwest. Parts of Lincoln and Sublette Counties experienced temperatures in a range of about 4 to 10 degrees below normal according to the climate maps published by the HPRCC. Precipitation levels were at or slightly below normal for the majority of Wyoming for the week ending April 16, 2023, also according to the HPRCC. Only portions of the northeast and southcentral Wyoming received above normal amounts of moisture. Portions of Park and Teton Counties received as much as 1.5 inches above average amounts of precipitation. Carbon County received the highest amounts of moisture, with some areas seeing as much as 7.5 inches or more above average according to the HPRCC. Changes in drought conditions were once again minimal according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on April 13, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free stood at 44.5 percent, an increase of 0.5 from the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in 24.2 percent of Wyoming, compared to 24.7 percent last week. Moderate, severe, and extreme conditions remained unchanged at 22.4, 7.6, and 1.3 percent respectively. Goshen County remained very dry with low topsoil and subsoil moisture levels. Precipitation received was insufficient to replenish fields and grasslands. Water users in Hawk Springs were notified that irrigation water will run out by the end of May. Water was expected to be sufficient, however, for GID and PID water users. Abundant snow remained in Lincoln County with 2 feet of snowpack sitting on crop and pasture lands. Moisture in the form of rain and snow was received in Platte County the past week. Pastures and grasses were turning green with the recent snow combined with what was received the previous weeks. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 21 percent very short, 29 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared 12 percent very short, 32 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 5 percent very short, 14 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared to 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent fair, 79 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, compared to 80 percent good and 20 percent excellent last week. Cattle death loss was rated 11 percent heavy, 58 percent average, and 31 percent light, compared to 10 percent heavy, 50 percent average, and 40 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 5 percent heavy, 48 percent average, and 47 percent light, compared to 6 percent heavy, 43 percent average, and 51 percent light last week.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	30	2	65	59
Emerg'd	3	--	25	12
Cattle and calves				
Cows calv'd	56	51	69	67
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	40	34	60	52
Sheep shorn	44	43	44	58

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.4	3.5	5.4	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	33	13
Short	19	18	34	19
Adequate.....	71	68	32	64
Surplus.....	6	12	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	6	34	15
Short	27	30	40	23
Adequate.....	63	62	26	60
Surplus.....	2	2	--	2

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	27	12
Poor.....	20	23	21	16
Fair	31	30	33	34
Good	42	40	17	36
Excellent.....	--	--	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	11	8	8	4
Poor.....	25	28	32	15
Fair	45	52	49	47
Good	18	11	11	31
Excellent.....	1	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair	16	21	11	16
Good	77	74	83	79
Excellent.....	5	4	2	1

NA – not available

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