



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures took a downward turn from the previous week according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The majority of Wyoming experienced temperatures in a range of about 3 to 12 degrees below normal according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) for the period April 17, 2023, to April 23, 2023. The greatest departures from normal were found in the southwestern and far northeastern sections of the State. Precipitation levels were mostly below normal for the vast majority of Wyoming according to the HPRCC. Exceptions were in parts of the far west and south-central Wyoming. Sections of Carbon County received the highest amounts of above average precipitation. Drought conditions remained unchanged according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on April 20, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free stood still at 44.5 percent. Abnormal dryness was once again found in 24.2 percent of Wyoming. Moderate, severe, and extreme conditions held steady for the third week in a row at 22.4, 7.6, and 1.3 percent, respectively. Extreme drought continued in Goshen County and subsoil moisture levels were minimal to non-existent. Due to the severe shortage in the Hawk Springs reservoir, the irrigation water supply was revised lower. Lincoln County still had as much as 1.5 feet of snow on fields. Runoff began with the warmer weather in some areas. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 22 percent very short, 33 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 21 percent very short, 29 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared to 5 percent very short, 14 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent poor, 77 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, compared to 1 percent fair, 79 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last week. Cattle death loss was rated 9 percent heavy, 56 percent average, and 35 percent light, compared to 11 percent heavy, 58 percent average, and 31 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 4 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 39 percent light, compared to 5 percent heavy, 48 percent average, and 47 percent light last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	54	30	78	72
Emerged	5	3	41	28
Sugarbeets				
Planted	3	--	33	27
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	63	56	80	75
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	47	40	63	58
Sheep shorn	49	44	58	65

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.....	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	42	14
Short	18	19	27	19
Adequate.....	70	71	31	66
Surplus.....	7	6	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	43	16
Short	29	27	35	21
Adequate.....	60	63	22	61
Surplus.....	3	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.....	8	7	36	12
Poor.....	22	20	22	15
Fair	31	31	28	32
Good	39	42	14	39
Excellent.....	--	--	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	12	11	8	4
Poor.....	28	25	35	13
Fair	48	45	51	45
Good	11	18	6	35
Excellent.....	1	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	2	3
Fair	19	16	13	16
Good	77	77	84	80
Excellent.....	4	5	1	1

NA – not available

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