



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The week brought mostly above normal temperatures to Wyoming for the week ending May 21, 2023, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Portions of the southwest experienced temperatures as much as eight degrees above average according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Precipitation levels were mostly below normal for the majority of the State, also according to the HPRCC. Moisture levels were slightly above average in far-west central Wyoming, far east central-Wyoming, and portions of the south. Drought conditions improved according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on May 18, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free jumped to 50.3 percent, compared to 44.9 percent the previous week. Abnormally dry conditions were found in 31.2 percent of Wyoming, compared to 29.1 percent last week. Moderate drought was found in 14.9 percent of the State, down from 15.5 percent. Severe conditions improved to 3.6 percent, down from 9.3 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions fell to zero, compared to 1.3 on the previous report. Big Horn County remained very dry. It was taking longer than normal to irrigate fields due to the dryness. Many producers were feeding livestock hay in lots due to the scarcity of green grass on pastures. Pastures were greening due to recent rains in Goshen County. Some black bug damage was seen in the Yoder area. Field work was underway in Lincoln County now that farmlands were sufficiently dry. Flooding remained a concern but the potential for floods was not yet critical. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 9 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared to 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, compared to 2 percent poor, 3 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 11 percent excellent last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	89	87	94	NA
Emerged.....	69	62	88	83
Jointed.....	7	--	--	5
Corn				
Planted.....	62	35	59	71
Dry beans				
Planted.....	2	--	24	20
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	94	72	97	96
Emerged.....	38	9	53	55
Winter Wheat				
Jointed.....	15	12	53	52
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	93	89	94	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled.....	87	79	82	81
Sheep shorn.....	90	82	87	NA

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.....	5.1	4.5	4.9	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	3	25	9
Short .....	29	26	27	22
Adequate .....	64	57	46	63
Surplus .....	5	14	2	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	5	7	25	13
Short .....	35	34	33	22
Adequate .....	55	46	41	61
Surplus .....	5	13	1	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	1	2	2	NA
Poor .....	2	5	4	NA
Fair.....	20	29	30	NA
Good .....	70	61	60	NA
Excellent.....	7	3	4	NA
Other hay				
Very poor .....	--	2	1	NA
Poor .....	1	4	3	NA
Fair.....	13	19	37	NA
Good .....	83	74	57	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	2	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	2	3	24	8
Poor .....	15	13	18	11
Fair.....	29	36	28	30
Good .....	51	45	27	47
Excellent.....	3	3	3	4
Sugar beets				
Very poor .....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor .....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Good .....	100	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	12	10	8	3
Poor .....	28	21	32	10
Fair.....	49	50	48	41
Good .....	11	19	12	42
Excellent.....	--	--	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	1	1	--
Poor .....	2	2	3	2
Fair.....	17	10	12	15
Good .....	80	84	83	81
Excellent.....	1	3	1	2

NA – not available

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