



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures were once again mostly above normal in Wyoming for the week ending May 28, 2023, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were as much as 10 degrees above normal in the northeast according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Precipitation varied according to the HPRCC. Moisture levels were above normal in western areas of the State, and in much of northern Wyoming. Portions of the southeast also received above normal amounts of rain. In other areas the moisture received was at or slightly below normal. The dry conditions worsened according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on May 25, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free fell to 45.6 percent, compared to 50.3 percent the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in 35.9 percent of Wyoming, up from 31.2 percent on the previous report. Moderate and severe conditions held steady at 14.9 and 3.6 percent, respectively. Extreme and exceptional drought conditions remained zero. Isolated showers in much of Goshen County reduced the need for supplemental irrigation. Lincoln County benefitted from thunderstorms throughout the week. The storms, however, made small grains planting difficult. Rivers and streams remained high. Water was receding where flooding had occurred. Thunderstorms in Platte County resulted in substantial amounts of moisture. Due to the already saturated soils field work was challenging for farmers who had not finished planting corn. Pastures and hay fields were nonetheless doing well with the additional moisture. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared to 9 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 27 percent excellent, compared to 2 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 19 percent excellent last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	90	89	96	NA
Emerged.....	80	69	90	89
Jointed.....	25	7	3	14
Corn				
Planted.....	91	62	87	90
Dry beans				
Planted.....	31	2	31	30
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	100	94	100	NA
Emerged.....	67	38	69	75
Winter Wheat				
Jointed.....	44	15	70	73
Booted.....	1	--	19	16
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	93	87	87	87
Sheep shorn.....	93	90	90	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

## DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.7	5.1	5.5	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	2	18	9
Short .....	26	29	34	22
Adequate .....	66	64	48	63
Surplus .....	6	5	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	4	5	30	15
Short .....	30	35	37	23
Adequate .....	62	55	33	58
Surplus .....	4	5	--	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	1	4	1
Poor .....	2	2	3	4
Fair.....	18	20	34	26
Good.....	73	70	58	58
Excellent.....	6	7	1	11
Other hay				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	11	13	28	25
Good.....	84	83	66	67
Excellent.....	3	3	3	4
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	3	2	15	6
Poor .....	9	15	21	12
Fair.....	30	29	30	28
Good.....	54	51	34	49
Excellent.....	4	3	--	5
Sugar beets				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	1	--	NA	NA
Good.....	99	100	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	8	12	7	5
Poor .....	23	28	29	11
Fair.....	51	49	43	38
Good.....	18	11	21	42
Excellent.....	--	--	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	--
Poor .....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	14	17	9	14
Good.....	82	80	90	82
Excellent.....	1	1	1	3

NA – not available

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