



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A slower growing season for particular commodities in Wyoming continued through steady moisture and lower temperatures compared with past years, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wyoming experienced consistent moisture over the past week; however, it appeared to correspond closer to normal precipitation compared with past weeks, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) tracked the temperatures to be much lower than normal in Wyoming. Most of the State trended below normal with areas in southeastern Wyoming reporting as many as 16 degrees below normal. There were reports from Goshen County of consistent rains that continued to slow progress for hay. Additionally, corn and bean growth were delayed due to cool temperatures. Similarly, Platte County reported cloudy and overcast days with temperatures falling to near 50 degrees on some days during the week. On the opposite side of the State in Lincoln County, good growing conditions were reported, along with some abnormal thunderstorms. A 17-percentage point increase in first cutting alfalfa hay was reported as it approached the halfway point. There remained a significant delay in progress when compared with the previous year where first cutting alfalfa hay was 80 percent along. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, there was another week of improvement for drought conditions across all categories with no area being categorized under severe (D2) drought. Moderate (D1) drought decreased to about 4 percent. About 14 percent of Wyoming remains abnormally dry (D0), and drought-free conditions grew to roughly 82 percent, compared with 66 percent last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, which shows a small shift between adequate and surplus when compared with the previous week of 2 percent short, 12 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 76 percent good and 24 percent excellent, compared with 67 percent good, and 33 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting.....	46	29	80	83
Barley				
Emerged	95	91	NA	NA
Jointed	90	84	95	NA
Booted.....	78	73	83	NA
Headed	66	50	73	75
Coloring.....	11	NA	35	31
Corn				
Emerged	89	83	NA	NA
Silking	1	NA	2	NA
Dry beans				
Emerged	90	77	98	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting.....	30	18	55	55
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	95	90	99	NA
Headed.....	90	76	93	92
Coloring.....	26	7	48	47

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	4.8	4.9	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	26	19
Short.....	17	13	35	35
Adequate.....	72	68	39	45
Surplus.....	7	16	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	27	21
Short.....	21	16	34	31
Adequate.....	63	70	38	47
Surplus.....	5	3	1	1

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	--	--	--	3
Poor	--	--	2	9
Fair.....	22	13	15	18
Good	73	81	81	66
Excellent.....	5	6	2	4
Barley				
Very poor	2	1	--	--
Poor	2	1	8	5
Fair.....	19	20	16	16
Good	75	76	75	77
Excellent.....	2	2	1	2
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	4	--	1	2
Fair.....	16	14	27	15
Good	79	85	71	81
Excellent.....	1	1	--	2
Dry beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	7	--	12	5
Fair.....	8	6	50	21
Good	84	93	38	74
Excellent.....	1	1	--	--
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	--	3
Poor	4	3	1	7
Fair.....	17	15	9	21
Good	76	79	89	67
Excellent.....	2	2	1	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	1	7	9
Poor	1	2	24	18
Fair.....	20	25	21	27
Good	67	62	45	41
Excellent.....	12	10	3	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	6
Fair.....	10	1	14	16
Good	89	98	86	77
Excellent.....	1	1	0	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	8	6
Poor	7	10	37	15
Fair.....	49	54	49	38
Good	35	26	5	39
Excellent.....	5	6	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	2	2	11	14
Good	91	91	79	79
Excellent.....	6	6	9	6

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