



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: In contrast to the common trend of precipitation this season, Wyoming experienced a break in rainfall as well as 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork which allowed for necessary progress for the first cutting of alfalfa hay, as well as various growth in other crops, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The State had a drier week with higher temperatures compared with the past several weeks in Wyoming, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) provided data that showed precipitation totals ranging a trace to roughly 1 inch. These conditions helped the development of various commodities move forward. Reports in Lincoln County stated that last week was dry which made it a good week for putting up hay. Goshen County had a similar report with first cutting of hay being harvested, as well as corn making good progress although it is behind in growth. In the Southeastern part of the State, Platte County reported a week of warm weather; however, there was some crop damage due to thunderstorms and hail later in the week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Wyoming is approaching drought-free conditions as there was no area categorized under severe (D2) drought. Moderate (D1) drought decreased to less than 1 percent, 7 percent of Wyoming remains abnormally dry (D0), and drought-free conditions expanded to roughly 92 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 92 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, which shows a small improvement compared with the previous week of 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 82 percent good and 18 percent excellent, compared with 76 percent good and 24 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.....	57	46	86	NA
2 nd cutting.....	2	NA	9	13
Barley				
Jointed	95	90	NA	NA
Booted.....	83	78	88	NA
Headed	73	66	81	86
Coloring.....	38	11	55	50
Mature	2	NA	11	10
Corn				
Emerged	95	89	NA	NA
Silking	2	1	4	2
Dry beans				
Emerged	95	90	NA	NA
Blooming.....	9	--	49	29
Other hay				
1 st cutting.....	39	30	66	67
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	95	90	NA	NA
Coloring.....	45	26	71	69
Mature	16	--	17	27

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	6.3	4.8	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	4	24	17
Short.....	13	17	44	39
Adequate.....	81	72	32	43
Surplus	6	7	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	11	26	19
Short.....	19	21	36	34
Adequate.....	72	63	38	47
Surplus	4	5	--	--

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	3
Poor	--	--	3	6
Fair.....	16	22	19	20
Good	82	73	75	67
Excellent.....	2	5	2	4
Barley				
Very poor	--	2	--	--
Poor	--	2	7	3
Fair.....	16	19	18	16
Good	83	75	75	79
Excellent.....	1	2	--	2
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor	4	4	3	3
Fair.....	11	16	24	13
Good	84	79	69	81
Excellent.....	1	1	2	3
Dry beans				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poo	9	7	13	4
Fair.....	9	8	41	19
Good	81	84	43	76
Excellent.....	1	1	1	1
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	NA
Poor	2	4	2	NA
Fair.....	11	17	14	NA
Good	85	76	83	NA
Excellent.....	1	2	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	--	9	11
Poor	2	1	25	19
Fair.....	17	20	29	30
Good	76	67	36	37
Excellent.....	5	12	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	16	10	13	16
Good	83	89	86	79
Excellent.....	1	1	1	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	4	8	5
Poor	7	7	38	15
Fair.....	48	49	47	37
Good	36	35	7	41
Excellent.....	5	5	--	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	1	2	20	16
Good	95	91	70	79
Excellent.....	3	6	8	4

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