



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of cooler temperatures and dry conditions along with 6.5 days suitable for field work allowed for steady harvesting progress across Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were below normal, ranging from 2 degrees below average to 6 degrees below average temperatures across the State. A portion of Natrona County recorded the largest departure from normal during the week, with average temperatures dipping to 8 degrees below normal. The precipitation within the State was relatively uniform, although the central eastern part of the State was noted as receiving upwards to 2 inches during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Reports from Goshen County indicated healthy cattle, but additional heat units needed to fill corn ears. Lincoln County reporters commented of mostly cool, dry weather last week, with some thunderstorm activity and near freezing temperatures during the nights. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 8, Wyoming had no area categorized under severe (D2) drought or worse. Moderate (D1) drought remained at less than 1 percent, while 2 percent of Wyoming categorized as abnormally dry (D0). Drought-free conditions stayed at roughly 98 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 6 percent short, and 94 percent adequate, which shows a slight improvement when compared with the previous week of 8 percent short and 92 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 99 percent good and 1 percent excellent, compared with last week’s 95 percent good and 5 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting	97	85	NA	NA
2 nd cutting	35	25	45	66
Barley				
Coloring	86	76	90	NA
Mature	66	53	75	75
Harvested for grain	41	18	47	48
Corn				
Silking	67	48	79	78
Dough	32	13	31	30
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	87	71	92	NA
Setting pods.....	58	44	69	67
Other hay				
1 st cutting	83	70	91	NA
2 nd cutting	2	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Mature	89	63	90	NA
Harvested for grain	43	25	76	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.....	6.5	5.3	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	5	36	26
Short	17	26	45	39
Adequate	83	68	19	35
Surplus	--	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	5	39	27
Short	19	28	45	37
Adequate	81	66	16	36
Surplus	--	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.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	--	--	--	9
Fair.....	6	15	34	17
Good	84	84	66	67
Excellent.....	10	1	--	3
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	11	15	NA	NA
Good	83	85	NA	NA
Excellent.....	6	--	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	4	4	19	14
Good	89	96	81	82
Excellent.....	7	--	--	2
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	9	4
Fair.....	9	17	43	19
Good	91	83	48	76
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	18	16
Poor.....	--	2	20	23
Fair.....	2	11	34	30
Good	92	86	28	27
Excellent.....	6	1	--	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	12	12	9	16
Good	88	88	91	77
Excellent.....	--	--	--	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	3
Fair.....	--	3	23	20
Good	91	96	77	74
Excellent.....	9	--	--	3
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				