



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A combination of slightly warmer temperatures and dry conditions along with 6.1 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 slightly above normal, ranging from 2 degrees below average to 8 degrees above average temperatures across the State. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations were varied, ranging from just a trace to over an inch during the week, with most of the moisture staying in the southern and western halves of the State, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Reports from Goshen County indicated hot and dry weather conditions during the week. Lincoln County reporters commented of good conditions during the week for farming activities, despite some heavy thunderstorm activity that shut down haying operations. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 15, virtually all of Wyoming remained drought-free. Less than one half of one percent of the State’s land was abnormally dry. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 2 percent short, and 98 percent adequate, which shows a slight improvement when compared with the previous week of 6 percent short and 94 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 90 percent good and 10 percent excellent, compared with last week’s 99 percent good and 1 percent excellent.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	40	35	54	75
Barley				
Coloring .....	90	86	94	NA
Mature .....	72	66	82	84
Harvested for grain .....	51	41	73	65
Corn				
Silking .....	86	67	95	94
Dough .....	51	32	52	52
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	91	87	96	NA
Setting pods.....	65	58	86	86
Coloring .....	2	--	7	21
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	86	83	95	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	8	2	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Mature .....	91	89	93	NA
Harvested for grain .....	62	43	86	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.....	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	--	45	33
Short .....	22	17	36	34
Adequate .....	74	83	19	32
Surplus .....	1	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	2	--	48	33
Short .....	23	19	39	36
Adequate .....	74	81	13	31
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.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	--	6
Fair.....	3	6	43	20
Good .....	93	84	57	68
Excellent.....	4	10	--	3
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	20	11	NA	NA
Good .....	80	83	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	6	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	--	--	3
Fair.....	7	4	24	15
Good .....	80	89	76	81
Excellent.....	7	7	--	1
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	--	8	4
Fair.....	9	9	35	17
Good .....	82	91	57	78
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	18	18
Poor.....	2	--	17	22
Fair.....	11	2	36	32
Good .....	86	92	29	25
Excellent.....	1	6	--	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	21	12	18	17
Good .....	79	88	82	77
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	2
Fair.....	3	--	17	17
Good .....	96	91	83	78
Excellent.....	--	9	--	3
NA – not available				
(-- ) – zero				