



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of slightly warmer temperatures and scattered rainfall, along with 6.2 days suitable for field work allowed for steady harvesting progress across Wyoming during the week, 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 average, ranging from near-normal to 8 degrees above average. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to three inches during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Reports from Goshen County indicated a sufficient water supply for irrigating the 3rd cutting of alfalfa hay, while the hot dry weather during the week helped advance the 2nd cutting. Lincoln County reporters commented that thunderstorm activity continued, which prevented the hay crop from drying out. Additionally, a light frost occurred. Reports from Platte County indicated some stressed crops due to extremely hot days coupled with no moisture received in the county during the week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 29, Wyoming remained drought-free. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent short and 89 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 100 percent good, compared with last week’s 5 percent fair, 94 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 nd cutting	52	42	69	NA
3 rd cutting	3	--	20	25
Barley				
Coloring	96	94	NA	NA
Mature	82	75	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	71	53	91	87
Corn				
Silking	96	93	NA	NA
Dough	82	63	86	NA
Dented	19	NA	25	25
Mature	7	NA	NA	NA
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	97	94	NA	NA
Setting pods.....	86	70	97	NA
Coloring	30	11	40	60
Cut	11	--	12	19
Other hay				
1 st cutting	93	89	NA	NA
2 nd cutting	16	12	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain	97	81	97	NA
Planted	4	NA	28	13

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.....	6.2	5.3	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	39	31
Short	23	31	36	38
Adequate	77	67	25	31
Surplus	--	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	39	33
Short	23	32	39	37
Adequate	77	66	22	30
Surplus	--	2	--	--

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.....	--	--	1	9
Fair.....	5	1	31	20
Good	94	98	67	62
Excellent.....	1	1	1	5
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	--	2	3
Fair.....	7	3	9	14
Good	83	89	84	81
Excellent.....	6	8	5	2
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	1	--	2
Fair.....	9	8	24	17
Good	81	91	74	80
Excellent.....	1	--	2	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	15	20
Poor.....	--	--	20	23
Fair.....	11	12	34	31
Good	88	87	30	23
Excellent.....	1	1	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	16	12	13	15
Good	83	88	86	77
Excellent.....	1	--	1	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	3
Fair.....	1	2	12	20
Good	97	98	79	74
Excellent.....	1	--	8	3
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				