



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and moderate rainfall, along with 6.1 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 varied slightly, ranging from 6 degrees below average to 4 degrees above average. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 3 inches during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Reports from Goshen County indicated the heavy rain received slowed down hay and corn silage harvest activities. Lincoln County reporters noted a good week for haying, and starting additional small grain harvesting, with cool days and freezing nights during the week. Reports from Campbell County indicated that reservoirs were drying up and subsoil moisture levels were low. Platte County reporters noted starting corn for silage chopping and cooler temperatures over the last week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 12, Wyoming remained drought-free. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 1 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 85 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent fair, and 90 percent good, compared with last week’s 9 percent fair, and 91 percent good.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting	70	56	NA	NA
3 rd cutting	20	6	36	50
Barley				
Mature	89	87	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	86	82	96	NA
Corn				
Dough	93	90	94	NA
Dented	33	26	73	60
Mature	18	10	16	20
Harvested for silage	1	NA	46	42
Dry beans				
Coloring	68	49	82	NA
Cut	24	22	50	50
Other hay				
2 nd cutting	28	21	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	3	NA	1	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	40	19	65	48
Emerged	2	NA	21	16

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	6.6	6.2	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	6	39	31
Short	24	26	39	39
Adequate	71	68	22	30
Surplus	1	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	7	9	40	36
Short	27	23	43	38
Adequate	65	68	17	26
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.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	4	11	23	NA
Good	88	88	77	NA
Excellent.....	8	1	--	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	--	1	2
Fair.....	3	4	11	17
Good	93	89	86	78
Excellent.....	1	7	2	3
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	10	1	--	4
Fair.....	14	9	27	16
Good	75	90	72	79
Excellent.....	1	--	1	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	20	23
Poor.....	5	5	15	21
Fair.....	17	13	27	32
Good	77	79	36	22
Excellent.....	1	3	2	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	16	22	19
Good	86	84	77	78
Excellent.....	1	--	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	2	2	7	18
Good	93	95	75	73
Excellent.....	4	2	17	6

NA – not available
 (--) – zero