WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming received little relief from the ongoing drought conditions during the month of December, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied widely across the State, ranging from a trace to 2 inches across most of the State during the month of December. A couple areas received upwards to 6 inches, while western Teton County received as much as 10 inches during the month, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Temperatures ran above normal across the State, ranging from 0 to 12 degrees above average during the month, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the month of December. There was little change in drought conditions during December according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for December 31, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 0 percent, unchanged from the report published November 24, 2024. The amount of land rated abnormally dry covered 7 percent of Wyoming compared to 2 percent November 24. Moderate drought was found in 21 percent of Wyoming, compared to 36 percent on November 24. Severe drought worsened to 46 percent, compared to 40 percent on November 24. Extreme conditions remained constant at 26 percent. Reports from Goshen County indicated that the dry weather during the month has caused many cattle producers to liquidate their herds. Lincoln County reporters noted good winter conditions thus far, with mountain snowpack at median to slightly above average levels, while temperatures have been moderate and no extremely freezing nights.

Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 9 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus on November 24. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus, compared with 31 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 45 percent adequate on November 24.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on February 3, 2025; for February on March 3, 2025; and for March on March 31, 2025.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION						
	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short	" 41 <i>′</i>	" 62 <i>′</i>	" 12 <i>′</i>	" NA		
Short	29	26	34	NA		
Adequate	29	12	53	NA		
Surplus	1		1	NA		
Subsoil moisture						
Very short	45	58	17	NA		
Short	36	31	40	NA		
Adequate	18	11	43	NA		
Surplus	1			NA		

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	u ,	,	,	,
Very poor	7	45	4	NA
Poor	21	25	8	NA
Fair	45	22	33	NA
Good	21	8	51	NA
Excellent	6		4	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	12	24	7	NA
Poor	24	41	7	NA
Fair	59	34	53	NA
Good	4	1	32	NA
Excellent	1		1	NA
Livestock				
Very poor			1	NA
Poor	1	13	1	NA
Fair	22	22	2	NA
Good	68	65	85	NA
Excellent	9		11	NA

NA – not available

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