



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: All of Wyoming experienced below normal temperatures for the week ending March 31, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Much of the State saw temperatures in a range of 2 to 10 degrees below average according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period March 25, 2024, to March 31, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 4 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Drought conditions slightly improved during the week according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for March 26, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free decreased to 45 percent, compared with 46 percent the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in about 29 percent of Wyoming, unchanged from last week. Moderate drought stood at 17 percent, a decrease of 2 percentage points from last week. Severe drought conditions increased to 9 percent, compared with 7 percent last week. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work in Wyoming during the week. Reports from Weston County noted less than an inch of usable moisture for soil conditions received over the weekend. Platte County reporters also noted receiving minimal snowfall with limited moisture content during the week. Reports from Lincoln County indicated cold wet conditions during the week, resulting in ground too wet to cultivate, while ranchers in the area were heavily into calving and some starting to lamb. Campbell County reporters noted their concerns about the lack of moisture.

Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus on the previous report. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus on the previous report. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent fair and 94 percent good. Cattle death loss was rated as 71 percent average and 29 percent light, compared with 62 percent average and 38 percent light on the previous report. Sheep death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 61 percent average, and 38 percent light, compared with 1 percent heavy, 61 percent average, and 38 percent light on the previous report.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	38	19	1	16
Emerged	4	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	31	18	32	33
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	28	14	20	22
Sheep shorn	39	27	35	32

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.2	NA	3.0	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	12	4	14
Short	34	43	15	19
Adequate	48	40	77	59
Surplus	11	5	4	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	19	7	15
Short	32	41	30	26
Adequate	54	40	63	53
Surplus	--	--	--	6

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	7	14
Poor	6	8	24	19
Fair.....	40	49	25	31
Good.....	48	39	44	35
Excellent.....	4	2	--	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	4	8	5
Poor	16	21	27	19
Fair.....	47	52	53	48
Good.....	28	22	11	26
Excellent.....	9	1	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	2	5	22	18
Good.....	93	89	73	76
Excellent.....	4	5	4	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero