



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING April 7, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming received moderate rainfall and experienced mostly above average temperatures for the week ending April 7, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State varied, ranging from 2 degrees below average in two counties to 8 degrees above average according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period April 1, 2024, to April 7, 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). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions improved during the week according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for April 2, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 54 percent, compared with 45 percent the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in about 21 percent of Wyoming, an 8 percent decrease from last week. Moderate drought stood at 17 percent, no change from last week. Severe drought conditions remained 9 percent, the same as last week. There were 4.9 days suitable for field work in Wyoming during the week. Reports from Lincoln County indicated cold wet conditions during the week, resulting in the ground being too wet to cultivate, while ranchers in the area were heavily into calving and flocks are starting to lamb out. Niobrara County reporters noted heavy snowfall received over the weekend.

Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 77 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent short and 92 percent adequate, compared with 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent fair and 94 percent good, no change from last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 62 percent average and 38 percent light, compared with 71 percent average and 29 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 53 percent average, and 47 percent light, compared with 1 percent heavy, 61 percent average, and 38 percent light last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	45	38	2	32
Emerged .....	6	4	--	1
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	38	31	48	50
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled .....	36	28	32	36
Sheep shorn .....	44	39	43	45

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 .....	4.9	5.2	3.5	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	7	2	15
Short .....	26	34	18	20
Adequate.....	54	48	68	59
Surplus.....	16	11	12	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	14	6	17
Short .....	32	32	30	25
Adequate.....	63	54	62	54
Surplus.....	--	--	2	4

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	7	16
Poor.....	2	6	23	20
Fair.....	36	40	30	34
Good .....	57	48	40	30
Excellent.....	5	4	--	--
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	5
Poor.....	7	16	28	19
Fair.....	54	47	52	49
Good .....	37	28	11	25
Excellent.....	2	9	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	3
Fair.....	2	2	21	19
Good .....	90	93	74	76
Excellent.....	8	4	4	1

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero