



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING May 5, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of colder temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending May 5, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State were below average, ranging from near normal to 8 degrees below average, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period April 29, 2024, to May 5, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 3 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions slightly worsened during the week, according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for April 30, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 56 percent, a one percent decrease from last week. Abnormal dryness was found in about 24 percent of Wyoming, a 1 percent increase from last week. Moderate drought was at 18 percent, no change from the last week. Severe drought conditions were at 2 percent, no change from last week. Reports from Weston County indicated slow pasture growth during the week as cold temperatures, windy conditions, and a wet snow came about the County. Lincoln County reported cold days and localized rain showers received during the week were favorable to cultivate and plant fields.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, and 94 percent adequate, compared with 4 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good, compared with 100 percent good last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 54 percent average, and 45 percent light, compared with 50 percent average and 50 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated as 9 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 34 percent light, compared with 57 percent average and 43 percent light last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	85	84	78	86
Emerged.....	69	63	30	54
Corn				
Planted.....	23	14	8	17
Dry beans				
Planted.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	76	57	47	56
Emerged.....	4	3	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Jointing.....	4	3	6	11
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	76	66	81	85
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	66	61	67	68
Sheep shorn.....	61	59	75	76

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.7	6.3	6.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	5	4	15
Short	30	33	29	22
Adequate	66	62	55	59
Surplus	4	--	12	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	5	6	17
Short	33	34	39	27
Adequate	67	61	44	52
Surplus	--	--	11	4

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	3	1
Poor	--	NA	6	4
Fair	5	NA	33	28
Good	88	NA	55	58
Excellent	7	NA	3	9
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair	10	NA	NA	NA
Good	58	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	31	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	--	NA	4	1
Poor	1	NA	6	3
Fair	10	NA	18	24
Good	88	NA	71	70
Excellent	1	NA	1	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	2	3	12
Poor	4	7	14	15
Fair	45	42	36	32
Good	48	47	44	37
Excellent	3	2	3	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	9	5
Poor	5	--	16	13
Fair	18	27	54	43
Good	77	73	20	36
Excellent	--	--	1	3
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor	--	--	1	2
Fair	2	--	11	16
Good	95	100	83	79
Excellent	3	--	4	2

NA – not available
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