



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced cooler than normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All but two reporting stations (Lake Yellowstone and Jackson Hole) reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 66 degrees recorded at Torrington and a low of 10 degrees at Laramie. Heavy moisture predominated as 26 out of 34 reporting stations recorded over half an inch of precipitation and 19 reported over an inch. One station (Rawlins) reported no precipitation while Lander had the most moisture with 3.47 inches. One reporter in South Central Wyoming indicated that recent winter-like storms have been hard on young livestock but have improved the moisture situation. A reporter from Eastern Wyoming indicated that recent heavy wet snows have added good soil moisture for spring range growth and prospective grazing. A reporter from Western Wyoming commented that it has been cold and cloudy for the past week. They also commented that that area needs some warm sunshine to get the grass to grow and to dry out the ground to do spring planting. A reporter from Central Wyoming indicated that it has been a record breaking week for moisture in their area. The moisture is welcomed but has slowed field work, and the moisture and temperature swings have slightly increased livestock sickness and mortality. Irrigation water supply was rated 1 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	85	82	86	78
Emerged	45	37	52	40
Corn				
Planted.....	14	6	20	16
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	1	NA	--	3
Oats				
Planted.....	53	38	49	47
Emerged	22	17	5	16
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	47	35	69	38
Emerged	27	17	38	14
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	45	33	42	36
Emerged	3	NA	4	1
Winter wheat				
Jointed	6	5	2	20
Cows calved.....	82	72	84	83
Ewes lambd	64	59	75	67
Sheep shorn.....	65	59	81	72

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	2.9	4.6	5.5	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	2	4
Short.....	11	13	40	23
Adequate	61	65	55	69
Surplus	28	20	3	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	5	4	NA
Short.....	14	19	38	NA
Adequate	70	69	58	NA
Surplus	14	7	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay and roughage supplies				
Very short	--	--	NA	NA
Short.....	6	6	NA	NA
Adequate	56	55	NA	NA
Surplus	38	39	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	5	10	5	14
Fair.....	25	29	39	30
Good	66	59	53	49
Excellent	4	2	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	--	5
Fair.....	29	29	84	47
Good	61	61	15	46
Excellent	9	9	1	1
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy.....	2	2	--	NA
Average.....	54	49	42	NA
Light.....	44	49	58	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	14	13	2	NA
Good	78	80	82	NA
Excellent	7	6	16	NA
Sheep and lambs death loss				
Heavy.....	1	1	--	2
Average.....	47	39	40	54
Light.....	52	60	60	44

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Wyoming’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/WY_Weather_05012016.pdf