



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 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. Twenty-two of the 34 reporting stations reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 93 degrees recorded at Torrington, and a low of 27 degrees at Laramie, Shirley Basin, and Lake Yellowstone. Above normal moisture was received at 23 of the reporting stations. All of the stations reported some moisture with Afton reporting the most moisture with 0.93 inches and Laramie reporting the least at 0.09 inches. Third cutting of alfalfa was 61 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage was 49 percent complete, winter wheat seeding was 59 percent complete, and dry bean harvest was 30 percent complete. A reporter from South East Wyoming indicated that conditions remain dry, but they have had some cooler days. A reporter from Western Wyoming indicated that it is still dry with cold nights. They also indicated that most livestock are now off the summer ranges and are on meadows aftermath grazing and there is an abundance of hay throughout the county. A reporter from Southern Wyoming indicated that the weather has been cool and breezy with very little precipitation. They also indicated that hay harvest is complete and cattle are being moved off summer pastures. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 12 percent very short, 25 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Third cutting	61	50	35	38
Corn				
Dented	65	40	54	56
Mature	22	3	6	11
Corn for Silage				
Harvested.....	49	24	44	44
Dry edible beans				
Coloring.....	97	88	93	92
Cut	55	26	55	52
Harvested.....	30	4	32	26
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	5	2	11	7
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	59	40	43	58
Emerged.....	16	8	5	20

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.....	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	23	22	5	16
Short	30	31	39	32
Adequate.....	37	37	56	51
Surplus.....	10	10	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	17	17	3	NA
Short	34	35	36	NA
Adequate.....	44	44	61	NA
Surplus.....	5	4	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	4	--	5
Fair.....	13	13	10	18
Good	81	81	79	66
Excellent	2	2	11	9
Dry Edible Beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	--	3
Fair.....	10	10	11	24
Good	85	85	65	58
Excellent	1	1	24	15
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	13	11	--	14
Poor.....	18	18	5	15
Fair.....	30	31	25	21
Good	34	35	60	43
Excellent	5	5	10	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	14	14	10	20
Good	86	86	67	66
Excellent	--	--	23	14
Irrigation water supply				
Very poor	3	3	4	NA
Poor.....	14	13	5	NA
Fair.....	28	29	23	NA
Good	42	42	42	NA
Excellent	13	13	26	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	--	3
Fair.....	16	16	6	19
Good	72	75	72	67
Excellent	8	5	22	11

NA – not available

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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_09182016.pdf