



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming experienced warmer than normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Thirty out of 34 stations reported above average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 78 degrees recorded at Torrington and a low of 15 degrees at Shirley Basin. All 34 stations reported some precipitation as 25 of the 34 stations had more than average precipitation. Sundance had the most precipitation with 1.76 inches and Evanston had the least with 0.01 inches. A reporter in North Central Wyoming indicated that another spring storm delayed farm work but pasture conditions are very good. Another reporter from North Central Wyoming reported spring planting is just getting underway and conditions are good but much drier to the east. A reporter from Northeast Wyoming indicated that moisture has been spotty with many places not getting very much moisture and the need for precipitation is getting critical. One reporter from Southwest Wyoming commented that the weather has been cool and unsettled with little sunshine. They also indicated that they need some warm dry weather to start the farming operations. A reporter from South Central Wyoming stated that they finally received a little moisture this week. A reporter from Southeast Wyoming reported that a wet week with another wet week forecasted will benefit rangelands. Another reporter from Southeast Wyoming noted that they received snow and rain over most of the county and it is forecasted to continue with high winds. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent very short, 10 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	72	46	82	72
Emerged .....	23	13	35	29
Corn				
Planted.....	4	NA	5	7
Oats				
Planted.....	40	28	37	32
Emerged .....	7	3	15	10
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	50	27	34	27
Emerged .....	1	NA	15	9
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	20	2	31	24
Winter Wheat				
Jointed .....	10	2	4	9
Cows calved.....	77	66	71	74
Ewes lambd .....	51	45	57	61
Sheep shorn.....	69	65	57	64

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 .....	4.7	6.1	4.6	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	10	2	5
Short.....	22	23	13	25
Adequate .....	62	58	65	64
Surplus .....	8	9	20	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	5	10
Short.....	20	23	19	28
Adequate .....	58	55	69	60
Surplus .....	8	8	7	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Hay and Roughage Supplies</b>				
Very short .....	8	8	--	NA
Short.....	23	23	6	NA
Adequate.....	64	66	55	NA
Surplus .....	5	3	39	NA
<b>Irrigation water supply</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	1	NA
Fair.....	17	NA	13	NA
Good.....	44	NA	66	NA
Excellent.....	37	NA	20	NA
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	7	6	--	5
Poor.....	21	22	10	16
Fair.....	23	28	29	32
Good.....	48	43	59	46
Excellent.....	1	1	2	1
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	11	11	--	1
Poor.....	16	22	1	5
Fair.....	36	36	29	47
Good.....	32	26	61	45
Excellent.....	5	5	9	2
<b>Cattle and Calves Death Loss</b>				
Heavy.....	3	2	2	NA
Average.....	63	64	49	NA
Light.....	34	34	49	NA
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	2	3	1	NA
Fair.....	24	24	13	NA
Good.....	71	70	80	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	6	NA
<b>Sheep and Lambs Death Loss</b>				
Heavy.....	7	7	1	1
Average.....	74	74	39	50
Light.....	19	19	60	49

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/2017/WY Weather 04232017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/WY_Weather_04232017.pdf)