



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
WYOMING FIELD OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 22, 2017

Contact: Rhonda Brandt
(800) 892-1660

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2017

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 34 stations reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 79 degrees recorded at Torrington and a low of 20 degrees at Big Piney and Lake Yellowstone. All 34 stations reported some precipitation with Old Fort Laramie having the most at 3.21 inches and Big Piney having the least with 0.15 inches. Twenty-nine stations had more than average precipitation. A reporter from North Central Wyoming indicated that they received some more rain last week and they are planting as the can. They also indicated that the grass is green and they are almost through with calving. A reporter from Northeastern Wyoming stated that they got rain last week but it was dispersed and varied a lot in amounts. They also indicated that many areas need more moisture and recent cool weather has slowed plant growth. A reporter from Western Wyoming indicated that last week's weather was cool which slowed the runoff but the added moisture received has added to the flooding problem. They also indicated that farmers are doing some planting as conditions allow. A reporter from Southwestern Wyoming stated that the excessive runoff and flooding has slowed due to cooler weather. A reporter from South Central Wyoming commented that they did get some moisture but grass is still short and slow to grow. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that excess spring moisture is providing excellent spring grazing but the recent snow was a hardship. Another reporter from Southeast Wyoming reported that the some of the wheat was laid over by the wet heavy snowy. They also reported that the precipitation varied from 2 inches to 4 inches of moisture and included in that was up to 12 inches of snow. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 4 percent very short, 5 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	97	92	96	95
Emerged.....	79	61	87	79
Corn				
Planted.....	78	51	69	72
Emerged.....	34	20	22	27
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	12	8	7	17
Oats				
Planted.....	89	83	83	83
Emerged.....	64	50	53	55
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	91	88	93	80
Emerged.....	66	52	75	55
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	68	56	94	88
Emerged.....	30	10	38	32
Winter Wheat				
Jointed.....	76	62	58	56
Cows calved.....	97	94	97	96
Ewes lambbed.....	83	75	84	81
Sheep shorn.....	95	91	87	88

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork.....	3.9	6.0	5.1	4.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	6	--	4
Short.....	10	14	10	23
Adequate.....	71	75	56	61
Surplus.....	12	5	34	12
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	13	2	8
Short.....	16	16	13	25
Adequate.....	63	65	66	63
Surplus.....	11	6	19	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	1
Fair.....	6	12	7	14
Good.....	94	86	93	72
Excellent.....	--	1	--	13
Irrigation water supply				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	2	1	NA
Fair.....	15	13	10	NA
Good.....	32	39	55	NA
Excellent.....	53	46	34	NA
Oat				
Very poor.....	1	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	40	NA	27	NA
Good.....	55	NA	71	NA
Excellent.....	2	NA	2	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	3
Poor.....	10	16	3	14
Fair.....	17	19	20	28
Good.....	62	58	67	48
Excellent.....	11	6	10	7
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	NA
Poor.....	6	8	--	NA
Fair.....	22	24	19	NA
Good.....	63	55	79	NA
Excellent.....	8	10	2	NA
Winter Wheat				
Excellent.....	3	4	--	--
Poor.....	7	8	1	6
Fair.....	38	47	16	48
Good.....	42	39	62	42
Excellent.....	10	2	21	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	10	17	10	NA
Good.....	76	77	80	NA
Excellent.....	13	5	10	NA

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/2017/WY_Weather_05212017.pdf