WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 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. All of the 34 stations reported above average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 102 degrees recorded at Torrington and a low of 39 degrees at Lake Yellowstone. Seven stations reported no precipitation and Newcastle had the most precipitation with 0.84 inches. Thirty of the 34 stations received below normal precipitation. A reporter from North Central Wyoming indicted that they have had very warm days with warm winds which have brought thunderstorms, lightning, hail, and some rain. They also report that livestock have moved to mountain pastures and weevils have been a big issue this year. A reporter from Eastern Wyoming noted that despite the rain that they have received fire danger is very high and hay yields are very low. They also report that pasture conditions vary quite alot with the cool season grasses doing the best. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that it was very hot and sunny for the past week with limited thunderstorm activity. They also indicated that most producers have their first crop of hay up. A reporter from South Central Wyoming noted that it was hot, and very dry with pastures drying up and meadows maturing very quickly. They also report that the hay crop is sub-par and stock water will soon be a problem. Another reporter from South Central Wyoming commented that producers will be pulling cattle off summer pastures early due to hot dry conditions. A reporter from Southeast Wyoming indicated that there have been some sprinkles of rain, but not enough to do much other than shut off the wheat harvesters. Another reporter from Southeast Wyoming indicated that summer conditions persist and the cool season grasses have completed the annual growth cycle. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 9 percent very short, 12 percent short, and 79 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Second cutting	9	1	15	6
Barley				
Booted	95	91	99	92
Headed	80	65	83	74
Coloring	36	17	43	38
Corn				
Silking	2		8	5
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	8	1	6	29
Oats				
Booted	94	85	100	86
Headed	71	48	73	64
Coloring	24	11	37	20
Other Hay				
First cutting	72	61	84	69
Spring Wheat				
Headed	74	52	76	66
Coloring	33	28	35	27
Winter Wheat				
Headed	98	93	94	98
Coloring	80	57	77	81
Mature	46	18	44	47

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	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.7		
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short	19	14	7	15		
Short	43	38	33	33		
Adequate	38	47	49	49		
Surplus		1	11	3		
Subsoil moisture						
Very short	19	18	7	NA		
Short	39	30	34	NA		
Adequate	42	51	53	NA		
Surplus		1	6	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)
Alfalfa hay	•			
Very poor	3	1	7	4
Poor	16	17	6	7
Fair	23	17	13	21
Good	57	64	71	62
Excellent	1	1	3	6
Barley	-	-		
Very poor				
Poor	1	1	1	1
Fair	3	5	<u>Λ</u>	16
Good	96	94	95	63
Excellent	90	74	93	20
Corn				20
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Very poor		2		_
Poor	2	2		3
Fair	14	13	6	16
Good	84	84	91	71
Excellent		1	3	9
Dry edible beans				
Very poor				
Poor				
Fair	11	7	11	20
Good	87	91	87	70
Excellent	2	2	2	10
Irrigation water supply				
Very poor	3	1		NA
Poor	5	3	3	NA
Fair	18	14	17	NA
Good	51	51	61	NA
Excellent	23	31	19	NA
Oat				
Very poor	9	5	15	5
Poor	7	5	2	4
Fair	28	34	18	26
Good	56	55	64	59
Excellent		1	1	6
Other hay		-		
Very poor	2	2	3	3
Poor	11	11	3	9
Fair	20	20	8	22
Good	65	64	82	59
Excellent	2	3	4	7
Pasture and Range	2	3	7	,
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Very poor	18	13	10	16
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Fair	25	25	21	20
Good	49	55	57	43
Excellent	2	2	6	9
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	10	4	9	3
Poor	3	6	5	9
Fair	10	14	13	18
Good	77	76	72	62
Excellent			1	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor				
Poor				
Fair	19	28	14	19
Good	81	72	86	65
Excellent				16
Winter Wheat				10
Excellent		4	1	NA
Poor	14	15	5	NA NA
	38	41	28	NA NA
Fair		· -		
Good	44	36	63	NA NA
Excellent	4	4	3	NA
Livestock				
Very poor				
Poor	1	1	4	4
Fair	11	8	12	18
Good	79	82	78	66
Excellent	9	9	6	12

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2017/WY Weather 07162017.pdf