



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2018

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-six of the 31 reporting stations reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 68 degrees recorded at Lander, and a low of 3 degrees below zero at Yellowstone. Above normal moisture was reported at twenty-one of the 32 reporting stations with four stations reporting no precipitation. Sheridan reported the most moisture with 1.39 inches. A reporter from Northwest Wyoming indicated that some late storms have delayed planting. A reporter from North Central Wyoming stated that they have had winter storms and cold winds causing calving/lambing issues. They also indicated that although no planting has occurred farmers are working the ground when they get a chance. A reporter from Western Wyoming stated that they have been getting moisture off and on which has made it difficult to get field work done. A reporter from Southwest Wyoming stated that conditions are dry and mild which has helped livestock, but the dry conditions are a concern for forage production. A reporter from South Central Wyoming indicated that they have gotten some moisture but it is still dry. Another reporter from South Central Wyoming stated that it has been cool and damp, calving and lambing is going well, and there is more optimism about irrigation water. A reporter from Southeast Wyoming stated that they have gotten slightly above normal moisture at the lower altitudes but irrigation storage is below normal. Another reporter from Southeast Wyoming indicated that temperatures have been highly variable and they got some moisture in the form of snow and rain. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 10 percent very short, 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	11	1	13	26
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	42	21	37	37
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	32	17	25	30
Sheep shorn	52	30	45	36

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	2.9	NA	2.0	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5	8	9
Short.....	23	24	24	28
Adequate	65	64	51	53
Surplus	7	7	17	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	16	13
Short.....	28	32	22	31
Adequate	57	57	48	52
Surplus	7	2	14	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	6	6	8	7
Poor.....	18	18	26	22
Fair.....	40	44	32	31
Good	35	32	32	39
Excellent	1	--	2	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor	7	8	11	5
Poor.....	17	16	23	11
Fair.....	40	43	39	44
Good	31	29	23	37
Excellent	5	4	4	3
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy.....	1	1	3	NA
Average.....	70	73	65	NA
Light.....	29	26	32	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	1	4	NA
Fair.....	17	15	27	NA
Good	81	83	66	NA
Excellent	2	1	2	NA
Sheep and lambs death loss				
Heavy.....	1	1	14	3
Average.....	69	77	58	51
Light.....	30	22	28	46

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/2018/WY-Weather-04012018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/WY-Weather-04012018.pdf)