WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much of Wyoming experienced scattered rain showers last week with above normal temperatures and wind for the week ending April 28, 2019, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Moisture levels have remained in the mostly adequate to surplus levels from the previous week and better than last year. A reporter from North Central Wyoming indicated that they continued to be very dry and there is not much snow pack in the Big Horn Mountains to help this spring with run off. They also stated that the livestock look good due to a mild winter but they are watching for grasshoppers as a potential problem due to the dry conditions. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming reported that they have had good moisture and fieldwork is under way. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that they have had above normal precipitation. The U.S. drought monitor released April 23rd, showed most of Wyoming with good moisture except for the North Central and Southwestern areas of the state which were abnormally dry. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 10 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 61 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies across Wyoming were rated 10 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 4 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley						
Planted	78	74	65	72		
Emerged	38	16	38	33		
Corn						
Planted	2	NA	18	14		
Sugarbeets						
Planted	44	17	34	30		
Winter wheat						
Jointing	4			8		
Cattle and calves						
Cows calved	80	76	79	80		
Sheep and lambs						
Ewes lambed	63	60	56	63		
Sheep shorn	68	65	72	72		

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.7	4.5	6.1	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very shortShort		1 7	1 24	20
Adequate	93	86	73	69
Surplus	1	6	2	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	3	4
Short	8	11	20	21
Adequate	90	84	71	69
Surplus	1	4	6	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	• ,	* /	,	
Very poor	1	4	2	2
Poor	8	9	11	10
Fair	36	40	32	29
Good	55	46	52	56
Excellent		1	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	2	2	3
Poor	7	14	13	6
Fair	42	44	37	46
Good	45	38	43	41
Excellent	3	2	5	4
Cattle and calves death loss				
Heavy	4	4	7	2
Average	61	61	66	57
Light	35	35	27	41
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1		NA
Poor	4	5	1	NA
Fair	22	19	15	NA
Good	73	74	83	NA
Excellent		1	1	NA
Sheep and lamb death loss				
Heavy	8	13		1
Average	40	44	77	59
Light	52	43	23	40

NA – not available

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