



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming experienced mostly below normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation across Wyoming for the week ending May 17<sup>th</sup> was mostly below normal. Moisture levels have shifted from last week's report as a part of Southwest Wyoming was added to parts of the Wind River Range and North Central Wyoming to be rated as abnormally dry by the National Integrated Drought Information System. A reporter from Northwestern Wyoming reported that pastures are getting short on moisture. A reporter from North Central Wyoming indicated conditions are getting very dry. A reporter from Western Wyoming noted they had good growing conditions, spring runoff has started, and livestock are being moved to summer pastures. A reporter from South Central Wyoming indicated they got some precipitation and are looking for some warm weather. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that the cool temperatures have slowed alfalfa growth. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that they continue to experience dry conditions. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent short and 97 percent adequate, compared to 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, and 92 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent fair, 88 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	83	72	72	74
Jointed.....	1	NA	6	1
Corn				
Planted.....	65	39	58	58
Emerged.....	28	6	12	19
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	1	--	9	8
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	88	67	96	82
Emerged.....	57	37	48	29
Winter wheat				
Jointed.....	37	25	52	43
Booted.....	1	NA	16	3
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	94	89	94	94
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	89	79	77	79
Sheep shorn.....	92	85	95	90

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.....	6.1	6.1	4.2	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	--	2
Short.....	30	21	12	17
Adequate.....	67	76	78	67
Surplus.....	1	1	10	14
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	2	1	4
Short.....	26	19	11	19
Adequate.....	70	79	84	70
Surplus.....	--	--	4	7

NA – not available

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

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	21	25	15	NA
Good.....	57	48	68	NA
Excellent.....	21	26	16	NA
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	9	11	22	9
Good.....	79	81	78	85
Excellent.....	12	8	--	6
Other hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	1	1	NA
Fair.....	7	12	15	NA
Good.....	88	85	80	NA
Excellent.....	--	2	4	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	1	2	1	--
Poor.....	5	5	1	5
Fair.....	26	31	29	25
Good.....	61	52	66	63
Excellent.....	7	10	3	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	4	4	4	2
Poor.....	4	4	7	5
Fair.....	17	13	37	42
Good.....	67	71	48	42
Excellent.....	8	8	4	9
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	1	2	--
Poor.....	1	2	3	1
Fair.....	7	9	21	11
Good.....	91	85	73	79
Excellent.....	1	3	1	9

NA – not available

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