



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** For the week ending September 13, Wyoming experienced cool and wet conditions across much of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Substantial rain and snow with cold temperatures occurred in most parts of the state over the past week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming's drought conditions have increased slightly despite the precipitation. Most of the state has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing extreme drought stands at 20.7 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 27.4 percent, 26.0 percent, and 19.2 percent, respectively. A reporter from North Central Wyoming reported that they received close to an inch of moisture but they are a long way from having adequate moisture levels. Another reporter from the North Central part of Wyoming indicated that even though they received a good day of rain the ground is still very dry. A reporter from South Central Wyoming noted that producers are pulling livestock off of summer pastures early as well as hauling water, and culling their herds. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that they received snow and rain over the past week, which will help them replenish their soil moisture. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that the heavy wet snow the area received this past week has lodged the corn crop and most will have to be cut for silage. Another reported from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that the freezing temperatures from the storm has halted growth. Winter wheat planting and grain harvest was slowed by the cold, wet weather. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 34 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 38 percent adequate, compared to 32 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 37 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 24 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 42 percent good, compared to 17 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 51 percent good last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	46	41	30	43
Barley				
Harvested .....	95	91	86	94
Corn				
Dented .....	49	39	38	46
Mature .....	22	14	14	7
Harvested for silage.....	24	14	23	30
Dry edible beans				
Turning color.....	98	69	94	91
Cut.....	47	40	26	41
Harvested .....	21	14	6	15
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	29	19	33	38

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.7	6.8	6.5	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	45	49	11	17
Short.....	27	30	39	38
Adequate .....	28	21	50	43
Surplus .....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	58	49	10	15
Short.....	27	32	41	37
Adequate .....	15	19	48	47
Surplus .....	--	--	1	1

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	3	--	NA
Poor.....	22	29	1	NA
Fair.....	21	15	17	NA
Good .....	57	53	71	NA
Excellent .....	--	--	11	NA
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	2	1
Fair.....	30	21	22	14
Good .....	62	71	74	82
Excellent .....	--	--	2	3
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	13	3
Fair.....	13	22	16	11
Good .....	86	77	70	80
Excellent .....	--	--	1	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	42	43	2	6
Poor.....	36	34	14	15
Fair.....	19	17	44	35
Good .....	3	6	36	38
Excellent .....	--	--	4	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	7	1
Fair.....	10	3	34	15
Good .....	90	97	59	77
Excellent .....	--	--	--	7
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	4	1	1
Fair.....	28	30	7	10
Good .....	71	65	85	80
Excellent .....	--	--	7	9

NA – not available

(--) – zero