



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Some areas in the north-western portion of Wyoming received over an inch of precipitation for the week ending April 17, 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation levels were mostly below normal in the southern and eastern sections of the State. Winds were strong and temperatures were below normal. In some areas, temperatures were on average as much as 20 degrees below normal. The precipitation that was received did little to alleviate drought conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for April 14, 2022, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 2.4 percent, compared to 2.8 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 37.7 percent of the State, compared to 37.3 percent last week. Severe drought covered 39.3 percent of the State, compared to 39.7 percent last week. Extreme drought covered 20.6 percent of the State, compared to 20.2 percent the previous week. Precipitation received in Goshen County was insufficient. The strong winds quickly depleted soil moisture levels and increased erosion. Some reports were that soil was depleted of moisture at levels ½ inch below the surface. Moisture was also insufficient in Lincoln County. Mountain snowpack was low and irrigation levels were too low for crop production. Farm sheep producers had finished lambing and range flocks were expected to lamb in May. Shearing was expected to begin within the next couple of weeks. New-born kid goats were dying soon after birth due to low iodine levels. In Weston County, strong winds and colder temperatures caused substantial calf losses. Predator attacks were also high. Barley planted jumped to 69 percent complete compared to 40 percent last week. Sugarbeets planted stood at 10 percent complete compared to 5 percent last week. Hay and roughage supplies were 16 percent very short, 51 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus compared to 18 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 34 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were 10 percent very short, 22 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus compared to 19 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 58 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 46 percent fair, and 16 percent good compared to 46 percent poor, 37 percent fair, and 17 percent good last week. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 63 percent average, and 36 percent light. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy 62 percent average, and 37 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	69	40	63	58
Emerged.....	27	10	13	12
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	10	5	10	8
Winter wheat				
Jointed.....	4	NA	3	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	70	63	71	67
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	60	57	48	50
Sheep shorn.....	45	38	58	63

NA – not available  
(-) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.4	6.0	4.0	4.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	33	42	28	8
Short .....	34	35	28	16
Adequate.....	32	23	44	71
Surplus.....	1	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	34	43	34	11
Short .....	40	40	32	19
Adequate.....	26	17	34	66
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**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.....	27	36	26	8
Poor.....	21	24	34	16
Fair .....	33	28	27	32
Good .....	17	12	13	42
Excellent.....	2	--	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	8	4	5
Poor.....	32	29	8	12
Fair .....	49	55	80	44
Good .....	11	8	7	35
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	1
Poor.....	3	--	6	3
Fair .....	11	8	28	18
Good .....	83	92	64	77
Excellent.....	2	--	1	1

NA – not available

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