WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming received little relief from the ongoing drought conditions during the month of February, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 6 inches during the month, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Temperatures across the State were warmer than normal, ranging from 2 to 10 degrees above average. Drought conditions in the State slightly improved during February according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on February 20, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free equaled 44 percent, compared with 41 percent on January 23, 2024. Abnormally dry conditions covered 34 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was found in 16 percent, and severe drought was found in 6 percent. Reports from Campbell and Goshen Counties indicated dry conditions. Lincoln County reporters noted that some of their ranchers will start calving in the near future, as well as having near normal snowpack. Reports from Platte County indicated receiving little moisture the past month. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 1 percent surplus last month.

Note: The next monthly report will be released for March on Monday, March 25, 2024. The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 1, 2024.

| LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| Commodity | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average | | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | | |
| Cattle and calves Cows calved Sheep and lambs | 9 | NA | 4 | NA | | |
| Ewes lambed | 4 | NA | 3 | NA | | |
| Sheep shorn | 19 | NA | 10 | NA | | |

NA - not available

(--) - zero

| | CONDITION |
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| | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 12 | 12 | (p 0. 00) | NA NA |
| Short | 45 | 47 | 20 | NA |
| Adequate | 43 | 41 | 65 | NA |
| Surplus | | | 15 | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 20 | 11 | 1 | NA |
| Short | 46 | 52 | 34 | NA |
| Adequate | 34 | 37 | 60 | NA |
| Surplus | | | 5 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) - zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and range | ., , | , , | ., | , |
| Very poor | 2 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Poor | 8 | 2 | 36 | NA |
| Fair | 58 | 56 | 33 | NA |
| Good | 30 | 40 | 29 | NA |
| Excellent | 2 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 4 | 4 | NA |
| Poor | 11 | 7 | 18 | NA |
| Fair | 59 | 62 | 58 | NA |
| Good | 25 | 26 | 20 | NA |
| Excellent | 1 | 1 | | NA |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Poor | 2 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Fair | 6 | 2 | 13 | NA |
| Good | 84 | 95 | 84 | NA |
| Excellent | 7 | 1 | 1 | NA |

NA – not available (--) – zero