



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming received relief from the ongoing drought conditions during the month of March, 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 10 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 March according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on March 19, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free equaled 46 percent, compared with 44 percent on February 20, 2024. Abnormally dry conditions covered 28 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was found in 19 percent, and severe drought was found in 7 percent. Reports from Campbell County indicated dry conditions and that multiple reservoirs were low or dry. Goshen County reporters noted that some field work has commenced in preparation of spring planting. Reports from Platte County indicated that pastures were greening up, but they needed much more ground moisture in order to have another good grazing season. Lincoln County reporters noted cool not cold weather conditions, snowpack at median or better, while the ground was thawing and muddy. Ranchers noted that cows were calving, and ewes were starting to lamb. Reports from Weston County indicated warmer temperatures, and a lack of water resources causing a wide variation of range conditions.

Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last month. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last month. Cattle death loss was rated as 62 percent average and 38 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 61 percent average, and 38 percent light.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 1, 2024.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current report (percent) | Previous report (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 19 | NA | 1 | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 18 | 9 | 16 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambd..... | 14 | 4 | 4 | NA |
| Sheep shorn..... | 27 | 19 | 19 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Topsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 12 | 12 | 1 | NA |
| Short | 43 | 45 | 11 | NA |
| Adequate | 40 | 43 | 85 | NA |
| Surplus | 5 | -- | 3 | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 19 | 20 | 5 | NA |
| Short | 41 | 46 | 25 | NA |
| Adequate | 40 | 34 | 69 | NA |
| Surplus | -- | -- | 1 | 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 | 2 | 5 | NA |
| Poor | 8 | 8 | 19 | NA |
| Fair..... | 49 | 58 | 20 | NA |
| Good..... | 39 | 30 | 53 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 4 | 4 | NA |
| Poor | 21 | 11 | 18 | NA |
| Fair..... | 52 | 59 | 59 | NA |
| Good..... | 22 | 25 | 18 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | 1 | 1 | NA |
| Poor | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA |
| Fair..... | 5 | 6 | 14 | NA |
| Good..... | 89 | 84 | 79 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 7 | 5 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero