



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING April 21, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of warmer temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending April 21, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State were slightly above average, ranging from near normal to 8 degrees above average, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period April 13, 2024, to April 19, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 5 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions were nearly static during the week, according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for April 16, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 57 percent, no change from the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in about 22 percent of Wyoming, no change from last week. Moderate drought was at 19 percent, a 1 percent increase from last week. Severe drought conditions were at 2 percent, a 1 percent decrease from last week. Reports from Lincoln County indicated an early arrival of spring conditions in the county, although little moisture was received during the week. Concern was noted about grazing conditions for the year, as their rangelands were in dire need of precipitation. Goshen County reporters noted the persistence of dry conditions in the county during the week. Despite a wintry mix of rain and snow, reports from Weston County indicated heavy winds and sunny days during the week resulted in a loss of topsoil moisture. Additionally, heavy lamb losses due to avian predators were noted.

Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 84 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus, compared with 86 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent short and 99 percent adequate, no change from last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good, no change from last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 54 percent average, and 45 percent light, compared with 53 percent average and 47 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated as 2 percent heavy, 51 percent average, and 47 percent light, compared with 44 percent average and 56 percent light last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	81	64	47	69
Emerged.....	44	25	4	21
Corn				
Planted.....	3	--	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	38	19	2	17
Winter Wheat				
Jointing.....	2	--	--	2
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	56	47	61	71
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	50	43	45	55
Sheep shorn.....	49	45	48	59

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	6.5	5.6	5.8	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	5	15
Short	27	30	18	18
Adequate	69	63	70	64
Surplus	4	7	7	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	8	17
Short	34	41	29	24
Adequate	66	59	60	57
Surplus	--	--	3	2

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	--	--	8	14
Poor	1	1	22	17
Fair.....	33	36	31	33
Good.....	63	62	39	34
Excellent.....	3	1	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	12	6
Poor	5	--	28	18
Fair.....	36	45	48	47
Good.....	59	55	11	27
Excellent.....	--	--	1	2
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	--	3
Fair.....	2	1	19	16
Good.....	94	98	77	79
Excellent.....	3	1	4	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero