



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and limited rainfall led to 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending June 23, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State varied, ranging from more than 5 degrees below to more than 5 degrees above average, with the hot spot noted in Laramie County, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period June 17 to June 23, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations were very low, ranging from a trace to more than 1.5 inches, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions were worse than last week, according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for June 18, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 54 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 32 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 14 percent, and severe drought was less than 1 percent. Carbon County reported severely dry and hot conditions that were damaging the grass, leading to some producers feeding supplemental hay. Reports from Goshen County noted the presence of drought conditions, as well as hail, rain, and damaging winds that substantially affected the crops. A hard frost in Lincoln County resulted in light damage to the tops of the alfalfa crop, a crop that was already predicted to be light due to poor growth following below average spring moisture. Reports from Weston County noted a dramatic decrease in crop and water conditions due to hot, dry, windy weather. Stock water was limited to what was being hauled to livestock, or those with wells. Additionally, producers were cutting alfalfa hay earlier to hedge against further production losses.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 9 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 71 percent adequate, compared with 7 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 8 percent poor, 1 percent fair, and 91 percent good, compared with 3 percent fair and 97 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	46	28	16	39
Barley				
Emerged	95	93	90	NA
Jointing.....	86	69	80	84
Booted.....	58	39	53	57
Headed	53	34	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged	94	79	75	NA
Dry beans				
Planted.....	95	79	91	NA
Emerged	68	49	65	69
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	27	16	10	14
Winter wheat				
Jointing.....	99	94	NA	NA
Booted.....	93	64	80	87
Headed	72	49	49	44
Coloring.....	2	1	--	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambd.....	96	92	NA	NA

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.....	6.6	6.4	3.6	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	6	2	12
Short.....	41	34	11	28
Adequate.....	50	58	62	53
Surplus.....	--	2	25	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	12	7	16
Short.....	38	34	19	26
Adequate.....	45	54	68	55
Surplus.....	--	--	6	3

NA – not available
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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	6	3	1	--
Poor.....	8	3	4	6
Fair.....	8	7	12	22
Good.....	78	86	82	66
Excellent.....	--	1	1	6
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	4
Fair.....	5	5	14	16
Good.....	60	55	85	77
Excellent.....	31	35	1	3
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	3	1	1
Fair.....	15	20	20	16
Good.....	84	76	77	81
Excellent.....	--	1	1	2
Other hay				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	1
Poor.....	6	7	2	3
Fair.....	18	11	12	24
Good.....	74	80	84	70
Excellent.....	--	1	1	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	6	4	6
Poor.....	14	6	9	16
Fair.....	33	29	33	31
Good.....	50	58	53	44
Excellent.....	0	1	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	7
Fair.....	8	15	1	12
Good.....	92	83	99	81
Excellent.....	--	1	--	--
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	7	7	6
Poor.....	7	8	19	15
Fair.....	15	20	53	43
Good.....	73	64	17	34
Excellent.....	--	1	4	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	2
Fair.....	3	7	2	10
Good.....	92	86	89	85
Excellent.....	5	6	7	3

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