WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and limited rainfall led to 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending July 7, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State varied, ranging from 10 degrees below to more than 4 degrees above the average, with the hot spot noted in Park County, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period July 1 to July 7, 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 July 2, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 14 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 58 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 27 percent, and severe drought was 1 percent. Reports from Goshen County note the persistence of extremely dry areas throughout the central part of the county, and the need to reduce the number of livestock herds to match forage availability. Lincoln County reports most of the area being dry, with the need for moisture to keep the rangeland vegetation growing and ensure a healthy start for the second crop of alfalfa. Lincoln county further reports that vegetation was doing well for those with irrigation water. Reports from Weston County indicate low yields from producers and total losses to grass and grain hay due to the persistent drought and hail. Furthermore, there are reports of worsening fire conditions in the area, with at least four fires less than 300 acres in size within the last few weeks.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 23 percent very short, 17 percent short, and 60 percent adequate, compared with 15 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 62 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 7 percent poor, 9 percent fair, and 84 percent good, compared with 10 percent poor, 3 percent fair, and 87 percent good last week.

CROP PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa Hay	u ,	" ,	. ,	,		
1st cutting harvested	79	62	41	72		
2 nd cutting harvested	8	NA	NA	NA		
Barley						
Jointing	91	90	88	NA		
Booted	83	75	77	NA		
Headed	76	70	61	70		
Coloring	48	23	NA	NA		
Mature	1	NA	NA	NA		
Corn						
Silking	2	1	NA	NA		
Dry beans						
Emerged	94	91	86	NA		
Blooming	16	3	NA	NA		
Other hay						
1st cutting harvested	54	37	27	46		
Winter wheat						
Headed	93	92	86	86		
Coloring	42	13	21	34		
Mature	3	NA	NA	NA		

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION						
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.2	6.4	4.8	6.2		
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short	20	13	4	17		
Short	48	46	17	32		
Adequate	32	41	72	48		
Surplus			7	3		
Subsoil moisture						
Very short	33	26	11	21		
Short	37	35	21	29		
Adequate	30	39	63	48		
Surplus			5	2		

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	,	,	, ,	, ,
Very poor		8		3
Poor	20	11		8
Fair	18	11	22	19
Good	62	69	73	64
Excellent		1	5	6
Barley				_
Very poor	1	4	2	1
Poor	7	4	2	7
Fair	3	2	19	19
Good	59	59	75	71
Excellent	30	31	2	2
Corn	00	0.	_	_
Very poor				
Poor	6	5	4	3
Fair	22	19	16	17
Good	72	75	79	78
Excellent		1	1	2
Other hay		•	'	
Very poor	13	5	1	3
Poor	12	12	1	7
Fair	17	17	17	21
Good	58	65	76	67
Excellent		1	2	2
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Pasture and range	7	5	0	8
Very poor	20	15	1	18
	41	38	20	27
Fair	32		=	
Good	32 	41	67 12	41
Excellent		I	12	O
Sugarbeets				
Very poor				
Poor	1	1		10
Fair	8	8	10	16
Good	91	90	89	77
Excellent		1	1	
Winter wheat	•		4	
Very poor	9	6	4	6
Poor	12	8	7	15
Fair	24	21	49	45
Good	55	64	35	32
Excellent		1	5	2
Livestock				
Very poor				
Poor		1	1	1
Fair	7	7	2	13
Good	92	85	91	81
Excellent	1	7	6	5

NA – not available (--) – zero