



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and limited rainfall led to 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending July 21, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State varied, ranging from 2 degrees below to more than 6 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 15 to July 21, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations were very low, ranging from a trace to more than 2 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 published for July 16, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 8 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 46 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 44 percent, and severe drought was 2 percent. Reports from Goshen County indicated very dry conditions, and additional herd liquidation for cattle producers. Weston County reports noted that most alfalfa hay fields will not be harvested a second time due to hot, dry conditions. Additionally, the barley and winter wheat crops in the county were noted to be short and dried up. Reports indicated that livestock conditions continued to worsen, with calves, colts, and horses in poor condition due mostly to the heat. Campbell County reporters noted that over 50 Notices of Loss for NAP forage policies have been filed due to the worsening conditions and extremely dry conditions.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 22 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 59 percent adequate, compared with 27 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 55 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 67 percent good, compared with 7 percent poor, 18 percent fair, and 75 percent good last week.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	95	92	66	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	25	23	3	18
Barley				
Jointing.....	95	94	NA	NA
Booted.....	88	87	87	NA
Headed.....	84	81	79	NA
Coloring.....	66	63	54	60
Mature.....	44	20	16	20
Corn				
Silking.....	13	5	8	7
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	32	30	20	41
Setting Pods.....	19	13	--	5
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	74	65	43	67
Winter wheat				
Coloring.....	90	61	59	75
Mature.....	61	32	24	34
Harvested For Grain.....	31	21	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.....	6.3	7.0	5.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	31	28	5	21
Short.....	50	44	18	34
Adequate.....	19	28	72	43
Surplus.....	--	--	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	42	38	10	23
Short.....	37	32	25	34
Adequate.....	21	30	63	42
Surplus.....	--	--	2	1

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.....	16	7	--	5
Poor.....	21	25	--	5
Fair.....	7	14	14	17
Good.....	56	53	85	71
Excellent.....	--	1	1	2
Barley				
Very poor.....	10	3	2	1
Poor.....	6	6	2	5
Fair.....	1	2	20	18
Good.....	78	50	76	75
Excellent.....	5	39	--	1
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	4	2
Fair.....	14	23	6	11
Good.....	80	71	90	85
Excellent.....	--	1	--	2
Other hay				
Very poor.....	21	14	NA	NA
Poor.....	15	11	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	14	NA	NA
Good.....	51	60	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	18	11	1	13
Poor.....	33	26	3	19
Fair.....	29	36	17	26
Good.....	20	27	78	41
Excellent.....	--	--	1	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	4
Fair.....	7	12	15	16
Good.....	92	86	85	80
Excellent.....	--	1	--	--
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	11	10	4	9
Poor.....	22	19	10	15
Fair.....	30	25	53	39
Good.....	37	46	29	35
Excellent.....	--	--	4	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	11	6	3	15
Good.....	83	91	94	80
Excellent.....	5	2	2	3

NA – not available

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