



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures differed largely across the State, as the western half saw lower temperatures ranging from near normal to 4 degrees below average. The eastern half saw differences ranging from near normal to 4 degrees above average, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period August 12 through August 18. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 3 inches during the week, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions continued to worsen last week even with the moisture received, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor published for August 13, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was roughly 4 percent, area rated abnormally dry was found in about 42 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at almost 36 percent, and severe drought was nearly 19 percent. Reports from Platte County indicated heat stress in irrigated crops, while their non-irrigated crops were burnt up due to the hot and dry conditions there during the week. Lincoln County reporters noted producers putting up their second alfalfa crop between the heavy thunderstorm activity during the week with heavy rainfall received in some areas. Reports from Campbell County indicated that reservoirs were either dry or nearly dry causing producers to move cattle and sheep to prevent stress on rangeland grasses. Over 65 NAP Notices of Loss for forage policies were now filed for Campbell County.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 15 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 58 percent adequate, compared with 15 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 67 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 35 percent fair and 65 percent good, compared with 8 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 66 percent good last week.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	71	65	39	64
Barley				
Booted.....	96	95	NA	NA
Headed.....	94	93	NA	NA
Coloring.....	86	85	89	NA
Mature.....	83	82	70	79
Harvested for grain.....	67	64	48	57
Corn				
Silking.....	91	80	81	88
Doughed.....	48	29	46	49
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	85	75	90	NA
Setting Pods.....	65	54	63	78
Coloring.....	16	8	1	13
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	91	88	85	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	10	5	6	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested For Grain.....	97	95	57	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.....	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	23	3	30
Short.....	52	55	22	32
Adequate.....	25	22	74	37
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	26	2	30
Short.....	48	53	23	33
Adequate.....	19	21	74	36
Surplus.....	--	--	1	1

NA – not available
(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	32	24	--	3
Poor.....	7	9	--	6
Fair.....	2	1	3	17
Good.....	58	66	93	72
Excellent.....	1	--	4	2
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	--	6	4
Fair.....	15	10	7	14
Good.....	81	90	80	80
Excellent.....	--	--	7	2
Other hay				
Very poor.....	19	14	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	7	6	NA	NA
Good.....	66	75	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	37	29	--	16
Poor.....	29	26	2	21
Fair.....	25	30	11	25
Good.....	9	15	86	36
Excellent.....	--	--	1	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	--	4
Fair.....	1	1	21	20
Good.....	97	99	79	75
Excellent.....	1	--	--	--
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	10	9	3	16
Good.....	83	86	96	80
Excellent.....	6	4	--	2

NA – not available
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