



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of varying temperatures and minuscule rainfall led to 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State varied, ranging from 4 degrees below average to 5 degrees above average, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the past week. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as an inch 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 27, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was roughly 4 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 41 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at almost 30 percent, severe drought was nearly 22 percent, and extreme drought was roughly 4 percent. Reports from Goshen County indicated dry weather during the week. Campbell County reporters noted many acres being impacted by multiple fires, with some livestock loss in addition to losses of some equipment and farm structures. Reports from Platte County indicated their irrigated crops were heat stressed and their pastures were dry and crunchy due to the dry weather and high temperatures over the week as many storms moved through, but no moisture was received. Lincoln County reporters noted cooler temperatures over the week taking out most gardens and flowers. Reports from Weston County indicated the hot, dry conditions limited hay production to one cutting this year. Additionally, lower than normal weight gains were found in calves. Natural stock water supplies were declining. Wildfires were encroaching on urban areas, and causing pasture conditions to decline. Carbon County reporters noted that anthrax was confirmed in some cattle due to the extreme drought conditions, while multiple producers are filing notices of loss on grass for grazing and hay, leading to pulling livestock early from summer pastures and hay production at as much as 70% less production.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 15 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared with 6 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 58 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 60 percent good, compared with 31 percent fair and 69 percent good last week.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	78	75	49	NA
3 rd cutting harvested.....	2	--	2	19
Barley				
Coloring.....	90	87	95	NA
Mature.....	86	84	80	NA
Harvested for grain.....	84	76	66	80
Corn				
Silking.....	96	94	95	NA
Doughed.....	86	67	77	NA
Dented.....	18	8	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	2	--	NA	NA
Dry beans				
Blooming.....	96	91	96	NA
Setting Pods.....	92	82	81	NA
Coloring.....	51	32	25	48
Cut.....	22	3	8	14
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	98	94	92	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	18	14	15	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	14	3	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.....	6.5	6.0	6.2	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	14	--	25
Short.....	59	59	23	35
Adequate.....	18	27	77	40
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	24	--	28
Short.....	48	57	23	33
Adequate.....	19	19	77	39
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--

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	27	27	--	4
Poor	11	2	--	9
Fair	3	4	5	16
Good	58	67	94	68
Excellent	1	--	1	3
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	6	6	4	5
Fair	18	19	7	12
Good	75	75	83	79
Excellent	1	--	6	4
Pasture and range				
Very poor	28	28	--	19
Poor	29	20	--	20
Fair	26	34	11	24
Good	17	18	88	35
Excellent	--	--	1	2
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	--	6
Fair	1	2	16	16
Good	97	97	83	76
Excellent	1	--	1	1
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	2	--	1	3
Fair	12	10	1	19
Good	81	90	97	74
Excellent	4	--	1	4

NA – not available

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