



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A combination of warmer temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 7.0 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 were warmer than normal, ranging from near normal to 8 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 3 inches during the week, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions persisted, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor published for September 3, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 3 percent, abnormal dryness was found in 41 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 30 percent, severe drought was 22 percent, and extreme drought was 4 percent. Reports from Lincoln County indicated close to freezing nightly temperatures and minuscule storm activity. Big Horn County reporters noted dry pastures in dire need of moisture. Reports from Platte County indicated some moisture received during the week along with cooler evening temperatures, but high temperatures during the day causing crop stress while pastures were being overgrazed prompting livestock to be moved to new ground much earlier in the season than normal.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 23 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 46 percent adequate, compared with 15 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 49 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 3 percent poor, 41 percent fair, and 56 percent good, compared with 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 60 percent good last week.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	85	78	55	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	16	2	5	27
Barley				
Coloring .....	92	90	NA	NA
Mature .....	88	86	86	NA
Harvested for grain .....	87	84	79	88
Corn				
Doughed .....	92	86	88	NA
Dented .....	32	18	24	35
Mature .....	13	NA	9	NA
Harvested for silage .....	14	2	NA	NA
Dry beans				
Setting pods .....	96	92	92	NA
Coloring .....	70	51	44	69
Cut .....	35	22	19	25
Harvested .....	8	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	20	18	20	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	29	14	15	23
Emerged .....	1	NA	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 .....	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	26	23	6	29
Short .....	50	59	26	35
Adequate .....	24	18	68	36
Surplus .....	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	27	33	9	35
Short .....	47	48	23	33
Adequate .....	26	19	68	32
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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	36	27	--	2
Poor .....	6	11	--	7
Fair .....	1	3	11	20
Good .....	56	58	88	68
Excellent .....	1	1	1	3
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	6	--	3
Fair .....	15	18	4	14
Good .....	84	75	89	79
Excellent .....	--	1	7	4
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	37	28	--	20
Poor .....	22	29	5	22
Fair .....	21	26	13	27
Good .....	20	17	79	29
Excellent .....	--	--	3	2
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	--	1	--	4
Fair .....	1	1	16	18
Good .....	98	97	84	77
Excellent .....	1	1	--	--
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	--
Poor .....	1	2	1	2
Fair .....	6	12	2	18
Good .....	87	81	95	77
Excellent .....	6	4	2	3

NA – not available

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