



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of warmer temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 6.9 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 mostly warm, ranging from slightly below average to more than 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 2 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 10, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was roughly 7 percent, abnormal dryness was found in 35 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at nearly 30 percent, severe drought was 23 percent, and extreme drought was 5 percent. Reports from Campbell County indicated increased stress on livestock and rangeland due to a combination of drought and recent fires. Hot Springs and Washakie County reporters noted fires caused by extremely dry conditions and lightning strikes. Reports from Platte County indicated some moisture received during the week along with cooler evening temperatures, but high temperatures during the day allowed for little growth as the moisture received was not enough to penetrate the soil. Goshen County reporters noted very dry conditions during the week. Reports from Weston County indicated an early selling of calves and trimming of herd size due to the significant drought conditions in the county. The drought has also resulted in most producers not expecting third cutting of alfalfa, nor second cutting of other hay.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 28 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 50 percent adequate, compared with 23 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 46 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 55 percent good, compared with 3 percent poor, 41 percent fair, and 56 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.....	90	85	66	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	27	16	16	37
Barley				
Coloring.....	93	92	NA	NA
Mature	90	88	88	NA
Harvested for grain	89	87	85	NA
Corn				
Doughed	96	92	92	NA
Dented	51	32	31	50
Mature	26	13	16	18
Harvested for silage.....	33	14	NA	NA
Dry beans				
Coloring.....	89	70	63	NA
Cut	52	35	23	38
Harvested.....	27	8	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	25	20	26	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	5	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	48	29	34	40
Emerged	20	1	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.....	6.9	7.0	6.1	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	35	26	4	27
Short.....	45	50	24	35
Adequate.....	20	24	71	38
Surplus.....	--	--	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	35	27	7	32
Short.....	46	47	27	35
Adequate.....	19	26	65	33
Surplus.....	--	--	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	36	36	--	4
Poor	8	6	--	7
Fair	4	1	4	15
Good	51	56	88	69
Excellent	1	1	8	5
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	1	3	3
Fair	14	15	3	15
Good	81	84	93	79
Excellent	--	--	1	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor	46	37	--	19
Poor	24	22	5	21
Fair	12	21	17	26
Good	18	20	77	33
Excellent	--	--	1	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	--	2
Fair	1	1	13	19
Good	97	98	86	79
Excellent	1	1	1	--
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	2
Fair	11	6	2	15
Good	81	87	93	77
Excellent	6	6	4	6

NA – not available

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