



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A combination of varying temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 6.8 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 2 degrees below average to 6 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 17, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 7 percent, abnormal dryness was found in 31 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 32 percent, severe drought was 22 percent, and extreme drought was 8 percent. Reports from Goshen County indicated hot and dry conditions, as well as a fourth cutting of hay being harvested. Big Horn County reporters noted ponds have dried up requiring water to be hauled in as the grass is very crispy and at a high threat of fire. Reports from Carbon County indicated producers filing notices of loss for hay production, along with additional purchases of feed and trucking of livestock. Platte County reporters noted cooler temperatures in the morning but high temperatures throughout the rest of the day, along with strong winds and no additional moisture received during the week which kept things dried out and under fire weather warning. Producers in the area have mostly finished harvesting their corn silage and planting their wheat with some replants already noted. Reports from Weston County indicated hailstorms during the week, further damaging the drought-stressed pastureland and causing herd sizes to continue to be trimmed. Hay producers in the area started on the third cutting of alfalfa from irrigated fields. Lincoln County reporters noted cold nights and cool daytime temperatures. Most all their hay has been put up, while small grain producers seem to be combining their grain with indications that production will most likely be down this year. Most ranchers have taken their herds off their summer ranges.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 34 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 41 percent adequate, compared with 28 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 50 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 4 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 47 percent good, compared with 1 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 55 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.....	92	90	73	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	34	27	27	47
Barley				
Coloring.....	95	93	NA	NA
Mature .....	93	90	91	NA
Harvested for grain .....	92	89	87	NA
Corn				
Dented .....	70	51	41	68
Mature .....	45	26	19	32
Harvested for silage.....	52	33	2	46
Dry beans				
Coloring.....	94	89	82	NA
Cut .....	71	52	38	57
Harvested.....	44	27	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	27	25	30	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	21	5	12	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	67	48	54	57
Emerged .....	39	20	23	28

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.....	6.8	6.9	6.2	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	44	35	--	25
Short.....	40	45	15	36
Adequate.....	16	20	85	39
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	42	35	--	28
Short.....	41	46	18	36
Adequate.....	17	19	82	36
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 .....	30	36	--	NA
Poor .....	14	8	--	NA
Fair .....	3	4	3	NA
Good .....	52	51	97	NA
Excellent .....	1	1	--	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	6	5	--	2
Fair .....	15	14	12	17
Good .....	79	81	88	79
Excellent .....	--	--	--	2
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	47	46	--	15
Poor .....	21	24	1	20
Fair .....	17	12	20	31
Good .....	15	18	79	33
Excellent .....	--	--	--	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor .....	1	1	--	2
Fair .....	1	1	22	21
Good .....	97	97	78	76
Excellent .....	1	1	--	--
<b>Livestock</b>				
Very poor .....	3	1	--	--
Poor .....	10	1	--	2
Fair .....	15	11	1	15
Good .....	72	81	98	77
Excellent .....	--	6	1	6

NA – not available

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