



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of warmer temperatures and exiguous 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 3 to 15 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). Much of the State did not receive any measurable rainfall. Drought conditions persisted, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor published for September 24, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was roughly 5 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 34 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at almost 33 percent, severe drought was nearly 20 percent, and extreme drought was roughly 9 percent. Reports from Carbon County indicated numerous grass acres for grazing were lost due to drought conditions, causing producers to move cattle to their fall and winter pastures weeks early. Some were already feeding supplementally. An increase in Notices of Loss for NAP and other Livestock programs were also noted.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were reported as 25 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 50 percent adequate, compared with 34 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 41 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 20 percent poor, 29 percent fair, and 51 percent good, compared with 4 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 47 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.....	95	92	82	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	55	34	36	55
Barley				
Mature	96	93	95	NA
Harvested for grain	93	92	90	NA
Corn				
Dented	88	70	58	85
Mature	59	45	24	47
Harvested for silage.....	71	52	16	63
Dry beans				
Coloring.....	97	94	93	NA
Cut	85	71	57	79
Harvested.....	56	44	29	54
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	29	27	36	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	39	21	25	22
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	84	67	70	77
Emerged	58	39	42	44

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.....	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	51	44	--	26
Short.....	42	40	22	41
Adequate.....	7	16	78	33
Surplus	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	42	--	31
Short.....	50	41	27	39
Adequate.....	14	17	73	30
Surplus	--	--	--	--

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.....	21	30	--	NA
Poor.....	6	14	--	NA
Fair.....	12	3	8	NA
Good.....	61	52	92	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	--	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	6	--	2
Fair.....	17	15	11	17
Good.....	75	79	89	79
Excellent.....	--	--	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	38	47	--	20
Poor.....	21	21	1	17
Fair.....	21	17	21	30
Good.....	20	15	78	32
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	--	2
Fair.....	2	1	18	17
Good.....	97	97	82	80
Excellent.....	--	1	--	--
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	17	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	31	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	40	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	3	--	--
Poor.....	1	10	--	3
Fair.....	18	15	1	14
Good.....	81	72	98	79
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4

NA – not available

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