



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING May 12, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of colder temperatures and moderate rainfall led to 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork across Wyoming during the week ending May 5, 2024, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures across the State were below average, ranging from near normal to 6 degrees below average, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) climate maps for the period May 6, 2024, to May 12, 2024. Precipitation was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 6 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many areas received no measurable rainfall. Drought conditions improved during the week, according to the United States Drought Monitor report published for May 7, 2024. The amount of land rated drought free was 50 percent, abnormal dryness was found in about 27 percent of Wyoming, moderate drought was at 20 percent, and severe drought conditions were at 3 percent. Reports from Lincoln County noted a good start to spring despite spotty precipitation. Calving in the county was winding down. Sheep producers were busy shearing range flocks; most farm flocks had been sheared. Cool temperatures delayed spring river runoff.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent short and 99 percent adequate, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, and 94 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 100 percent good, compared with 1 percent fair and 99 percent good last week. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 55 percent average, and 44 percent light, compared with 1 percent heavy, 54 percent average, and 45 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated as 13 percent heavy, 49 percent average, and 38 percent light, compared with 9 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 34 percent light last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	88	85	86	NA
Emerged.....	80	69	55	70
Corn				
Planted.....	42	23	28	36
Dry beans				
Planted.....	6	1	--	3
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	94	76	67	78
Emerged.....	14	4	7	31
Winter wheat				
Jointing.....	6	4	11	24
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	86	76	87	90
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	75	66	77	75
Sheep shorn.....	73	61	81	85

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	5.3	6.7	4.5	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	3	11
Short	31	30	26	23
Adequate	65	66	57	61
Surplus	4	4	14	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	7	14
Short	35	33	34	27
Adequate	65	67	46	54
Surplus	--	--	13	5

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor	--	--	5	5
Fair	2	5	29	27
Good	96	88	61	58
Excellent	2	7	3	9
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	1	1	NA	NA
Fair	8	10	NA	NA
Good	67	58	NA	NA
Excellent	24	31	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor	--	1	4	4
Fair	2	10	19	23
Good	97	88	74	71
Excellent	1	1	1	1
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	--	3	11
Poor	1	4	13	14
Fair	38	45	36	30
Good	57	48	45	42
Excellent	4	3	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	--	10	5
Poor	5	5	21	13
Fair	9	18	50	44
Good	85	77	19	35
Excellent	--	--	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor	--	--	2	2
Fair	--	2	10	15
Good	99	95	84	80
Excellent	1	3	3	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero