



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming experienced varying temperatures this week, being much cooler than normal over much of the state, and warmer than normal only in some of the Southeast counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation across Wyoming for the week ending June 21 was mostly below normal, with spots here and there of rainfall in the north and the west. The parts of Wyoming rated as abnormally dry by the National Integrated Drought Information System remains as most of the state, except parts in the Northwest corner and areas in the South. Additionally, the Southwest corner and a large portion from the Northern Central to the Northwest are rated as experiencing moderate drought. A reporter in the North Central region stated that the drought continues to worsen, and feels that “moderate drought” is an understatement. Another reporter from North Central Wyoming indicated that pastures are getting very dry, and even mountain pastures are starting to need more water. A reporter from the South Central region reported that very cold temperatures, followed by the hot and dry conditions, have altered grass growth, and ranchers have begun haying early and are selling off cattle. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that dry conditions have led ranchers to continue selling cattle early. Another reporter in Southeast Wyoming reported rangeland is continuing to dry out quickly, and the first cutting of hay is speeding up. A third reporter from the Southeast stated that although irrigated pastures are fine, non-irrigated crops are really struggling due to lack of moisture, and the little rain they have received has not been enough to counter the dryness. A fourth reporter from the Southeast estimated that serious losses will occur due to the dry conditions which still persist, in spite of some small rains, and that only crops with irrigation are doing well. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 14 percent short and 86 percent adequate, compared to 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, and 86 percent adequate the previous week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, and 87 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	52	44	22	42
Barley				
Jointed.....	89	67	82	76
Booted.....	69	46	43	45
Headed.....	45	23	14	17
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	95	90	93	93
Emerged.....	84	57	56	62
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	13	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	92	63	88	76
Headed.....	43	32	28	28

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	6.5	5.1	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	7	--	4
Short.....	32	38	6	18
Adequate.....	46	55	88	71
Surplus.....	--	--	6	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	6	1	5
Short.....	35	35	6	17
Adequate.....	50	59	84	72
Surplus.....	--	--	9	6

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 .....	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	3	1	4
Fair.....	13	15	24	19
Good .....	80	78	59	68
Excellent .....	2	4	16	8
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	8	2
Fair.....	12	18	17	9
Good .....	79	74	75	81
Excellent .....	9	8	--	8
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	4	1
Fair.....	11	12	9	10
Good .....	79	79	86	84
Excellent .....	9	8	1	5
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	--	NA	1	--
Fair.....	--	NA	26	9
Good .....	96	NA	72	84
Excellent .....	4	NA	1	7
Other hay				
Very poor .....	2	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	3	1	3
Fair.....	16	16	22	14
Good .....	82	81	76	75
Excellent .....	--	--	1	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	3	2	--	3
Poor.....	12	9	5	5
Fair.....	40	37	20	18
Good .....	45	51	62	64
Excellent .....	--	1	13	10
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	22	4
Fair.....	--	--	22	15
Good .....	100	100	56	72
Excellent .....	--	--	--	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	4	4	7	3
Poor.....	4	4	7	6
Fair.....	22	27	33	39
Good .....	66	61	49	47
Excellent .....	4	4	4	5
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	1	1	4	1
Fair.....	5	6	10	9
Good .....	93	92	82	79
Excellent .....	1	1	3	11

NA – not available

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