



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending August 16, Wyoming experienced a wide range of temperatures across the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Almost no rain occurred throughout the state over the last week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming's drought conditions have changed little, and the state still has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing severe drought remains at 5.44 percent. A reporter from central Wyoming reported that the drought is getting continually worse. A reporter from north central Wyoming also stated that conditions are very dry, and a lot of land is still plagued by the drought. A reporter from southeastern Wyoming reported that emergency CRP grazing is being used in large amounts due to the extreme dryness. Another reporter from southeastern Wyoming also indicated the dryness continues. A third reporter from southeastern Wyoming stated that already dry pastures are getting worse, and even crops that are irrigated are stressed. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 22 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 49 percent adequate, compared to 14 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 60 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 23 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 49 percent good, compared to 10 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 55 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	85	76	58	73
3 rd cutting harvested	12	5	NA	NA
Barley				
Turning color.....	90	86	93	94
Mature	79	68	72	77
Harvested	52	36	46	51
Corn				
Silked	100	78	71	87
Dough.....	65	36	25	32
Dented	5	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Setting pods.....	91	78	63	65
Turning color.....	15	3	5	15
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	93	91	91	96

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	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	47	34	10	11
Short.....	25	29	42	35
Adequate	28	37	47	51
Surplus	--	--	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	42	33	11	11
Short.....	32	36	41	33
Adequate	26	31	47	55
Surplus	--	--	1	1

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	--	2
Poor.....	22	15	1	4
Fair.....	21	19	4	11
Good	57	64	95	78
Excellent	--	--	--	5
Barley				
Very poor	4	2	--	NA
Poor.....	8	6	--	NA
Fair.....	18	13	24	NA
Good	70	79	76	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	4	2
Fair.....	25	20	7	12
Good	69	74	88	82
Excellent	--	--	1	4
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	12	3
Fair.....	10	19	12	13
Good	90	81	76	78
Excellent	--	--	--	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor	29	25	--	4
Poor.....	36	34	9	11
Fair.....	30	33	28	30
Good	5	8	53	48
Excellent	--	--	10	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	12	2
Fair.....	9	4	28	16
Good	91	96	59	75
Excellent	--	--	1	7
Livestock				
Very poor	2	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	4	1	1
Fair.....	19	17	7	12
Good	72	78	83	78
Excellent	--	1	9	9

NA – not available

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