



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending September 20, Wyoming experienced warm and dry conditions across much of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. A few isolated rain events along with warmer temperatures occurred across most parts of the state over the past week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming's drought conditions have increased slightly despite the precipitation. Most of the state has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing extreme drought stands at 19.2 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 28.7 percent, 24.5 percent, and 20.9 percent, respectively. A reporter from South Central Wyoming reported that drought conditions continue. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming noted dry conditions persist and a local irrigation district had shut off water for the rest of the year. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that hot dry conditions continue and the irrigation district shut off water. Producers are cutting damaged crops for silage. Winter wheat planting and corn silage harvest continue. Some winter wheat was emerging. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 25 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 42 percent adequate, compared to 34 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 38 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 15 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 45 percent good, compared to 24 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 42 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 3 rd cutting harvested | 65 | 46 | 38 | 53 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Dented | 65 | 49 | 63 | 64 |
| Mature | 38 | 22 | 36 | 20 |
| Harvested for silage..... | 50 | 24 | 39 | 52 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Cut..... | 60 | 47 | 47 | 60 |
| Harvested | 46 | 21 | 27 | 36 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 39 | 29 | 59 | 59 |
| Emergед | 15 | -- | 29 | 18 |

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 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 40 | 45 | 13 | 14 |
| Short..... | 25 | 27 | 43 | 38 |
| Adequate | 35 | 28 | 44 | 44 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | 4 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 49 | 58 | 17 | 15 |
| Short..... | 27 | 27 | 43 | 37 |
| Adequate | 24 | 15 | 40 | 46 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | 2 |

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 | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 20 | 22 | 1 | NA |
| Fair..... | 13 | 21 | 14 | NA |
| Good | 66 | 57 | 75 | NA |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 10 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Fair..... | 32 | 30 | 23 | 14 |
| Good | 60 | 62 | 74 | 81 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 1 | 3 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 4 | 1 | 13 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 13 | 16 | 11 |
| Good | 77 | 86 | 70 | 79 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 1 | 6 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 36 | 42 | 3 | 8 |
| Poor..... | 35 | 36 | 11 | 13 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 19 | 53 | 37 |
| Good | 10 | 3 | 29 | 38 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 4 | 4 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Fair..... | 1 | 10 | 40 | 15 |
| Good | 99 | 90 | 60 | 77 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | -- | 8 |
| Livestock | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 28 | 9 | 13 |
| Good | 76 | 71 | 82 | 76 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 8 | 9 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero