



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending September 27, 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. Scattered showers with warm day temperatures and cool nights occurred in most parts of the state over the past week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming's drought conditions have increased from last week. 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 19.6 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 28.4 percent, 27.9 percent, and 20.9 percent, respectively. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that they had warm days and cool nights well below freezing which has shut down most plant growth. They also report most of the cattle have been moved to winter pastures. A reporter from the South Central part of Wyoming indicated that windy and dry conditions persisted. Another reporter from South Central Wyoming noted that warm, dry, and windy conditions have made it worse for those fighting wildfires. They also reported that cattle are being moved early and some producers have had to haul water. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming noted that it has been hot and dry. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that the recent snowfall and rain showers has helped with some limited fall grazing. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that although they got some moisture it was barely enough to settle the dust. They also indicated that they are experiencing higher fire danger conditions. Sugarbeet and corn for grain harvest has started. Winter wheat planting and dry bean harvest continued to progress. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 23 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 40 percent adequate, compared to 25 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 42 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 16 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 19 percent fair, and 54 percent good, compared to 15 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 26 percent fair, and 45 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	72	65	47	61
Corn				
Dented	89	65	87	84
Mature	65	38	49	38
Harvested for grain	4	NA	--	1
Harvested for silage	77	50	51	71
Dry edible beans				
Cut	84	60	68	80
Harvested	66	46	51	57
Sugarbeet				
Harvested	11	NA	3	11
Winter wheat				
Planted	64	39	83	83
Emerged	29	15	51	40

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.....	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	37	40	16	16
Short.....	34	25	49	36
Adequate.....	29	35	35	44
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	45	49	21	16
Short.....	36	27	48	37
Adequate.....	19	24	31	45
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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	8	2	2
Fair.....	30	32	19	14
Good.....	63	60	78	81
Excellent.....	--	--	1	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	31	36	2	8
Poor.....	33	35	6	11
Fair.....	28	19	53	35
Good.....	8	10	38	42
Excellent.....	--	--	1	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	1	1	31	15
Good.....	99	99	69	78
Excellent.....	--	--	--	7
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	2	1	1
Fair.....	19	22	9	11
Good.....	76	76	89	80
Excellent.....	--	--	1	8

NA – not available

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