



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending October 4, 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 slightly 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 21.3 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 29.0 percent, 30.5 percent, and 16.3 percent, respectively. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that they are dry with no storms. They also reported that temperatures have been warm during the day with freezing temperatures at night. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming noted that it has been extremely dry for this time of year. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that fall conditions persist with very little moisture. The Mullin wildfire has continued to grow moving southward into Colorado. Corn for silage and dry bean harvest are close to wrapping up. Sugarbeet and corn for grain harvest is progressing. Winter wheat planting is also wrapping up. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 29 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 35 percent adequate, compared to 23 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 40 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 18 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 52 percent good, compared to 16 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 19 percent fair, and 54 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	76	72	55	68
Corn				
Dented	99	89	97	95
Mature	85	65	68	58
Harvested for grain	15	4	--	4
Harvested for silage	96	77	72	84
Dry edible beans				
Cut	98	84	78	89
Harvested	89	66	67	75
Sugarbeet				
Harvested	28	11	10	19
Winter wheat				
Planted	93	64	95	96
Emerged	58	29	72	60

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	39	37	13	16
Short.....	41	34	43	34
Adequate.....	20	29	44	49
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	44	45	20	14
Short.....	40	36	46	37
Adequate.....	16	19	34	47
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2

NA – not available

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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	7	2	1
Fair.....	37	30	18	13
Good.....	56	63	79	83
Excellent.....	--	--	1	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	40	31	2	7
Poor.....	30	33	5	10
Fair.....	26	28	46	36
Good.....	4	8	47	43
Excellent.....	--	--	--	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	2	1	22	12
Good.....	98	99	78	80
Excellent.....	--	--	--	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	12	NA	3	1
Poor.....	16	NA	10	4
Fair.....	30	NA	29	31
Good.....	38	NA	55	62
Excellent.....	4	NA	3	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	6	4	1	1
Fair.....	20	19	8	10
Good.....	72	76	89	81
Excellent.....	--	--	2	8

NA – not available

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