



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending October 11, Wyoming experienced warm and dry conditions with a lot of wind 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 21.9 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 35.1 percent, 30.6 percent, and 9.4 percent, respectively. A reporter from South Central Wyoming reported that they are dry with warm daytime temperatures and a lot of wind. They also reported that herds have been trimmed back and there is much concern about wild fires. Several reporters from Southeastern Wyoming noted that it has been extremely dry for this time of year. The Mullin wildfire has continued to grow moving southward into Colorado. Corn for grain, sugarbeet, and dry edible bean harvest continued, and most winter wheat has emerged. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 20 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 44 percent adequate, compared to 29 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 35 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 33 percent fair, and 47 percent good, compared to 18 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 52 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	84	76	63	75
Corn				
Mature	99	85	86	78
Harvested for grain	41	15	--	9
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	91	89	73	83
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	43	28	19	30
Winter wheat				
Emerged	80	58	87	79

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.....	6.8	7.0	4.7	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	37	39	6	10
Short.....	50	41	39	33
Adequate.....	13	20	46	51
Surplus.....	--	--	9	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	41	44	13	12
Short.....	40	40	44	38
Adequate.....	19	16	43	48
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.....	39	37	22	13
Good.....	54	56	75	83
Excellent.....	--	--	1	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	40	3	8
Poor.....	38	30	8	11
Fair.....	29	26	49	35
Good.....	1	4	38	42
Excellent.....	--	--	2	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	4	2	31	11
Good.....	96	98	69	81
Excellent.....	--	--	--	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	9	12	3	1
Poor.....	16	16	10	4
Fair.....	32	30	28	29
Good.....	39	38	55	65
Excellent.....	4	4	4	1
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	1
Poor.....	7	6	1	2
Fair.....	21	20	15	13
Good.....	71	72	80	76
Excellent.....	--	--	4	8

NA – not available

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