WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was scattered this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Some areas of the State were very dry, receiving only trace amounts of precipitation. Counties along the western border received upwards of a quarter inch of rainfall. Converse county and surrounding areas received over 0.1 inches of rainfall. Temperatures yet again were unseasonably warm. The majority of the State experienced temperatures 2 to 6 degrees above average for this time of year. The southwestern corner was warmer this week, with average temperatures 6 to 8 degrees above normal. Lincoln county reported minimal precipitation and warm temperatures and Albany county reported dry and very windy conditions this week. There was little change to drought conditions in Wyoming. According to the United States Drought Monitor for November 4, 2021, 100.0 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. The amount of land experiencing abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions remained unchanged at 7.9 percent and 28.6 percent, respectively. Severe drought was present across 50.6 percent of the State, a slight increase from 49.9 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased slightly to cover 12.9 percent of the State, compared to 13.6 percent last week.

Producers in Albany county are being forced to feed livestock herds early due to lack of pasture regrowth. There is concern this will reduce the availability of winter feed, leading to producers reducing their herd size. There were similar reports from Weston county of producers selling down herds, as well as selling calves early due to poor grazing conditions and increased hay prices. Lincoln county, however, reported the moisture received in October improved vegetation and grazing conditions. Corn harvest in Goshen county is nearing completion, and overall, corn harvested for grain is 76 percent complete, compared to 92 percent complete this time last year. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 36 percent adequate, compared to 22 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 36 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 17 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 36 percent adequate, compared to 15 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 42 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Com	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn Harvested for grain	76	47	92	75
NA not available	70	77	72	13

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE F	OR FIELDWORK A	AND SOIL	MOISTU	RE CONDITION	

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.7	5.5	6.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	24	31	15
Short	37	28	40	32
Adequate	36	45	29	47
Surplus		3		6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	29	27	57	23
Short	54	47	27	33
Adequate	17	26	16	42
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			NA	NA
Poor			NA	NA
Fair	1	1	NA	NA
Good	89	89	NA	NA
Excellent	10	10	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	36	39	25	NA
Poor	26	32	40	NA
Fair	28	22	35	NA
Good	10	7		NA
Excellent				NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	6	4	4	4
Poor	18	10	16	8
Fair	58	60	32	26
Good	14	23	44	59
Excellent	4	3	4	3
Livestock				
Very poor				
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair	31	25	23	15
Good	66	73	74	76
Excellent	2	1		6

NA – not available

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