



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** A combination of varying temperatures and abundant rainfall, led to 5.8 days suitable for field work which slowed down the harvesting progress across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were varied, with the northern part of the State recording average temperatures as many as 9 degrees above normal. The southern part of the State saw temperatures as many as 6 degrees below normal. Many counties saw temperatures averaging near normal. Rainfall was heavy and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to over five inches during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some areas received no measurable rainfall. Reports from Goshen County indicated the heavy rainfall received slowed their harvesting, but helped the soil moisture profile. Lincoln County reporters noted their cows were off the summer ranges, while their sheep were headed off to their winter range. Additionally, producers were wrapping up their second alfalfa hay, and their small grain harvesting. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 10, Wyoming had no area categorized under severe (D2) drought or worse, although 1 percent of Wyoming was categorized in a moderate drought (D1), and 4 percent of Wyoming was categorized as abnormally dry (D0). Drought-free conditions were at 95 percent. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, and 84 percent adequate, compared with 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, and 93 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 16 percent fair and 84 percent good, compared with last week’s 7 percent fair and 93 percent good.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	93	90	NA	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting .....	73	54	80	84
Barley				
Harvested for grain .....	95	93	NA	NA
Corn				
Dented .....	83	78	NA	NA
Mature .....	58	39	83	90
Harvested for silage .....	59	40	94	NA
Dry beans				
Cut .....	92	81	NA	NA
Harvested .....	71	52	85	89
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	61	42	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	60	48	63	51
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	93	90	94	NA
Emerged .....	84	65	82	90

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 .....	5.8	6.6	7.0	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	--	38	27
Short .....	34	22	38	38
Adequate .....	62	77	24	34
Surplus .....	--	1	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	9	--	48	32
Short .....	36	27	38	41
Adequate .....	55	73	14	27
Surplus .....	--	--	--	--

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.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	--	1	4	3
Fair.....	14	10	16	19
Good .....	86	88	76	75
Excellent.....	--	1	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	17	18
Poor.....	9	1	24	26
Fair.....	35	16	30	34
Good .....	56	82	28	21
Excellent.....	--	1	1	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	4	5	4
Poor.....	5	8	21	12
Fair.....	24	49	60	39
Good .....	69	35	14	43
Excellent.....	1	4	--	2
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	1	2	2
Fair.....	1	1	19	20
Good .....	95	97	70	75
Excellent.....	4	1	8	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero