



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A combination of warmer temperatures and minimal rainfall led to 6.8 days suitable for field work across Wyoming during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. As the fall season advances, harvest progress was nearing completion for most crops throughout the State. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), temperatures across the State were warmer than normal, ranging from 6 to 15 degrees above average. Rainfall was minimal this week as majority of areas received no measurable rainfall at all, while some received up to a half an inch, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Reports from Goshen County indicated some reporters had made a fourth cutting of alfalfa hay, while their corn harvest had started off slowly. Lincoln County reporters noted the completion of their second cutting of alfalfa hay, while being close to completion on harvesting their small grain crops. Reports from Platte County indicated strong pasture conditions, and producers had started harvesting sugarbeets and corn for grain. So far this year, the county has not had any frost under warmer than normal conditions for this time of year. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 17, Wyoming was free from 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 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 79 percent adequate, compared with 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, and 84 percent adequate last week.

CROP PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting	94	93	NA	NA
3 rd cutting	82	73	87	90
Corn				
Dented	90	83	NA	NA
Mature	76	58	89	NA
Harvested for silage	75	59	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	9	--	7	27
Dry beans				
Cut	95	92	NA	NA
Harvested	78	71	91	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting	69	61	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	75	60	85	72
Winter wheat				
Planted	95	93	97	NA
Emerged	90	84	87	NA

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	5.8	6.9	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	4	35	24
Short	38	34	43	35
Adequate	56	62	22	40
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	9	42	30
Short	40	36	39	38
Adequate	46	55	19	32
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.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Fair.....	10	14	13	NA
Good	88	86	85	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	12	16
Poor.....	8	9	29	23
Fair.....	26	35	29	34
Good	65	56	29	24
Excellent.....	1	--	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	1	4	4
Poor.....	7	5	26	13
Fair.....	33	24	56	38
Good	53	69	14	42
Excellent.....	4	1	--	3
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	2
Fair.....	2	1	18	18
Good	92	95	74	75
Excellent.....	5	4	8	5

NA – not available
(--) – zero