



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation levels were at or below normal for the majority of the State according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) for the period April 24, 2023, to April 30, 2023, indicate that isolated portions of the west and northeast received above normal amounts of moisture. Temperatures varied according to data from the HPRCC. Portions of the southwest experienced temperatures as much as 5 degrees below normal. In much of the northern and eastern sections of the State temperatures ran at or as much as 5 degrees above average. Changes in drought conditions were once again minimal according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on April 27, 2023. The amount of land rated drought free increased slightly to 46.1 percent, compared to 44.5 percent last week. Abnormal dryness was found in 24.0 percent of Wyoming, a decrease of 0.2 from the previous week. Moderate drought stood at 19.3 percent, down from 22.4 percent. Severe drought was found in 9.3 percent of the State, compared to 7.6 percent last week. Extreme drought was once again unchanged at 1.3 percent. Winds were dry and persistent in Goshen County. Southern pastures needed moisture. Goshen Irrigation District was expected to start running water for hay the first part of May. Snowpack was melting in Lincoln County and fields were clearing, but too wet for field activities. Overland flooding remained a concern with the snow melt. Soil conditions improved in Platte County with the few showers that fell. Pastures that had been overgrazed in previous years were not bouncing back. Well managed pastures were greening and in good condition. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 13 percent very short, 36 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 22 percent very short, 33 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus, compared to 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent poor, 1 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, compared to 3 percent poor, 77 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last week. Cattle death loss was rated 5 percent heavy, 65 percent average, and 30 percent light, compared to 9 percent heavy, 56 percent average, and 35 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 63 percent average, and 36 percent light, compared to 4 percent heavy, 57 percent average, and 39 percent light last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	69	54	82	80
Emerged .....	9	5	53	46
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	28	3	46	44
Winter Wheat				
Jointed .....	2	--	11	6
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	75	63	84	81
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled .....	53	47	67	63
Sheep shorn .....	69	49	69	71

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.....	4.7	5.8	5.9	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	5	51	16
Short .....	26	18	25	20
Adequate.....	61	70	24	62
Surplus.....	12	7	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	8	52	17
Short .....	37	29	34	24
Adequate.....	51	60	14	57
Surplus.....	7	3	--	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	8	39	12
Poor.....	20	22	19	14
Fair .....	39	31	29	32
Good .....	35	39	13	39
Excellent.....	1	--	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	11	12	9	4
Poor.....	25	28	43	14
Fair .....	45	48	40	42
Good .....	18	11	8	36
Excellent.....	1	1	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	4	3
Fair .....	11	19	18	17
Good .....	82	77	77	77
Excellent.....	5	4	1	2

NA – not available

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