



# WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Wyoming experienced mostly above average temperatures for the week ending May 7, 2023, 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 May 1, 2023, to May 7, 2023, indicate that average temperatures were highest in northern portions of the State. Temperatures were as much as 10 degrees above average in parts of Johnson and Park Counties. Precipitation was once again at or below normal for the majority of the State, also according to the HPRCC. Only southwestern portions of the State received above normal amounts of precipitation. Drought conditions persisted. According to the United States Drought Monitor report published on May 4, 2023, the amount of land rated drought free fell slightly to 44.9 percent, compared to 46.1 percent last week. Abnormal dryness was found in 25.1 percent of Wyoming, an increase of 1.1 from the previous week. Moderate drought stood at 19.4 percent, a minor change from 19.3 percent last week. Severe and extreme conditions were unchanged at 9.3 and 1.2 percent, respectively. The drought in Campbell County continued to have negative effects on ranges and pasturelands. Some producers found that subsoil moisture levels remained low down to the frost line. Reservoir water levels in the County were also low. Some producers were expecting low yields for wheat. A reporter in Goshen County indicated that with the continuing drought, there was little to no moisture in the soil. Grasses were not recovering from the winter conditions. Fields were drying out in Lincoln County. Field work was expected to begin soon with continued dry weather. Weather conditions were cooler than normal for this time of year which curtailed potential flooding. Grasses in Platte County had not yet fully recovered from the droughts of the previous years but were turning green with the recent moisture and warm temperatures. Cattle and calves were not in the best condition in Sheridan County following the rough winter. The grounds, however, benefitted from the moisture received during the winter months, as well as from the recent spring rains. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus, compared to 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 2 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, compared to 3 percent poor, 1 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last week. Cattle death loss was rated 6 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 24 percent light, compared to 5 percent heavy, 65 percent average, and 30 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 3 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 27 percent light, compared to 1 percent heavy, 63 percent average, and 36 percent light last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	82	69	87	88
Emerged .....	38	9	68	63
Corn				
Planted .....	11	--	25	28
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	55	28	58	62
Emerged .....	2	NA	17	20
Winter Wheat				
Jointed .....	8	2	19	14
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	83	75	88	88
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled .....	72	53	71	69
Sheep shorn .....	77	69	77	80

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.....	6.3	4.7	4.4	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	1	42	14
Short.....	29	26	25	20
Adequate.....	55	61	33	63
Surplus.....	12	12	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	5	43	16
Short.....	39	37	34	22
Adequate.....	44	51	23	59
Surplus.....	11	7	--	3

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	3	NA	3	NA
Poor.....	6	NA	11	NA
Fair.....	33	NA	43	NA
Good.....	55	NA	42	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	1	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	4	NA	1	NA
Poor.....	6	NA	5	NA
Fair.....	18	NA	55	NA
Good.....	71	NA	39	NA
Excellent.....	1	NA	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	5	35	12
Poor.....	14	20	18	13
Fair.....	36	39	25	29
Good.....	44	35	21	42
Excellent.....	3	1	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	9	11	8	4
Poor.....	16	25	34	12
Fair.....	54	45	45	40
Good.....	20	18	13	40
Excellent.....	1	1	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	2
Fair.....	11	11	17	17
Good.....	83	82	79	77
Excellent.....	4	5	2	3

NA – not available

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