



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The majority of Wyoming received some much needed precipitation for the week ending May 14, 2023, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The eastern two-thirds of the State received above normal levels of precipitation according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC) for the period May 8, 2023, to May 14, 2023. Some eastern sections of the State received as much as 3 inches to 6 inches or more of moisture. Precipitation levels were at or slightly below normal in the west. Temperatures varied. The majority of Wyoming experienced above average temperatures, also according to the HPRCC. Average temperatures ran as much as 5 degrees above normal in parts of the northeast. Portions of northwest and central Wyoming, however, saw temperatures running at or just below average. According to the United States Drought Monitor report published on May 11, 2023, the amount of land rated drought free held steady at 44.9 percent. Abnormal dryness was found in 29.0 percent of Wyoming, up from 25.1 the previous week. Moderate drought fell to 15.5 percent, compared to 19.4 percent last week. Severe and extreme conditions were once again unchanged at 9.3 and 1.2 percent, respectively. Subsoil moisture levels in Campbell County remained a considerable concern with farmers. Some producers were finding zero moisture at soil depths of six feet and lower. Good rains were received in Goshen County that helped replenish moisture levels in the topsoil. The week was for the most part cool in Lincoln County which curtailed potential floods. Temperatures, however, were expected to increase the following week and floods remained a concern. Farmers were farrowing fields in preparation for small grain planting. Periodic rains in much of Platte County saturated grounds and grasses were greening. Warmer weather was needed to boost growth. A reporter in Sheridan County indicated that a lot of rain was received over the weekend. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus, compared to 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 3 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 11 percent excellent, compared to 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 2 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last week. Cattle death loss was rated 7 percent heavy, 66 percent average, and 27 percent light, compared to 6 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 24 percent light last week. Sheep death loss was rated 4 percent heavy, 76 percent average, and 20 percent light, compared to 3 percent heavy, 70 percent average, and 27 percent light last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	87	82	92	NA
Emerged	62	38	83	75
Corn				
Planted	35	11	33	46
Sugarbeets				
Planted	72	55	84	83
Emerged	9	2	37	39
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	12	8	36	30
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	89	83	92	92
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	79	72	76	76
Sheep shorn	82	77	85	88

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.....	4.5	6.3	5.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	34	11
Short	26	29	24	23
Adequate.....	57	55	42	62
Surplus.....	14	12	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	34	13
Short	34	39	34	25
Adequate.....	46	44	32	61
Surplus.....	13	11	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Poor.....	5	6	8	NA
Fair	29	33	39	NA
Good	61	55	51	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	2	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	2	4	--	NA
Poor.....	4	6	6	NA
Fair	19	18	46	NA
Good	74	71	48	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	33	10
Poor.....	13	14	16	11
Fair	36	36	24	28
Good	45	44	25	47
Excellent.....	3	3	2	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	10	9	7	4
Poor.....	21	16	29	11
Fair	50	54	44	41
Good	19	20	20	40
Excellent.....	--	1	--	4
Livestock				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	1	2
Fair	10	11	8	15
Good	84	83	88	81
Excellent.....	3	4	3	2

NA – not available

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