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(Wyo.)-Wyoming Hay Production Is Up Thanks To More Moisture

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Hay production in Wyoming is improved over last year thanks to early snows, moderate temperatures and a modest improvement in rainfall.

Hay production in the state is projected to improve by 4 percent through the end of the year, to about 1.96 million tons versus 1.89 million tons in 2012.

Drought conditions that limited the state's hay production in 2012 have lessened this year.

While much of Wyoming remains in some stage of drought, Steve Gunn of the National Agricultural Statistics Service tells the Wyoming Tribune Eagle that it's nowhere near as bad as last year.

Gunn says that while the average yield for a given acre of hay has remained steady at about 2.1 tons per acre, growers have been able to increase that acreage.