

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool weather and precipitation slowed fieldwork over the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Joliet at 90 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Seeley Lake at 32 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 91 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Melville with 4.79 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 86 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 31 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 79 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 38 percent. Many reporters noted that precipitation had operators waiting for drier conditions to cut hay; though in Powder River County operators began haying winter wheat. Broadwater County experienced minor flooding.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	29	20	NA	NA
Barley				
Emerged.....	97	94	97	99
Booted	54	35	61	66
Headed.....	17	1	4	20
Canola				
Planted.....	94	91	90	98
Emerged.....	86	75	75	93
Blooming.....	11	1	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged.....	95	88	89	96
Dry edible beans				
Emerged.....	80	65	85	87
Blooming.....	15	1	39	NA
Dry edible peas				
Emerged.....	97	92	94	99
Blooming.....	23	7	67	58
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	89	77	90	91
Booted	28	3	27	26
Headed.....	7	--	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	93	90	NA	NA
Emerged.....	74	68	94	96
Blooming.....	21	--	25	23
Lentils				
Emerged.....	98	93	93	98
Blooming.....	22	1	49	39
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	92	84	71	88
Blooming.....	17	--	NA	NA
Oats				
Emerged.....	91	84	88	96
Booted	23	3	35	54
Headed.....	3	--	--	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	31	18	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Planted.....	91	84	91	NA
Emerged.....	76	60	83	89
Safflower				
Planted.....	77	71	50	88
Emerged.....	49	39	47	80
Blooming.....	5	--	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Emerged.....	98	93	90	97
Booted	52	25	63	57
Headed.....	23	3	12	12
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	92	89	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted	93	83	NA	NA
Headed.....	64	41	91	80
Turning color.....	3	NA	6	NA

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 field work.....	3.8	5.1	6.9	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	30	11
Short.....	12	13	39	26
Adequate.....	75	63	31	56
Surplus.....	11	22	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	14	8
Short.....	17	16	48	29
Adequate.....	72	63	38	57
Surplus.....	7	17	--	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	3	1	1	1
Poor.....	4	2	8	4
Fair.....	13	10	37	35
Good.....	54	74	29	41
Excellent.....	26	13	25	19
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	8	3
Fair.....	20	24	38	35
Good.....	63	61	46	50
Excellent.....	14	13	6	11
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	1	2	5	2
Poor.....	4	3	18	6
Fair.....	20	21	49	35
Good.....	66	70	17	47
Excellent.....	9	4	11	10
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	5	5	22	8
Fair.....	41	45	57	40
Good.....	42	42	14	43
Excellent.....	12	8	5	6
Lentils				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	3
Poor.....	5	5	16	7
Fair.....	29	30	53	41
Good.....	56	60	25	46
Excellent.....	9	4	5	3
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	11	3
Poor.....	1	--	16	5
Fair.....	10	13	36	35
Good.....	64	71	22	48
Excellent.....	25	16	15	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	8	5
Poor.....	5	5	18	14
Fair.....	17	17	30	32
Good.....	52	47	29	37
Excellent.....	25	30	15	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	1	9	3
Poor.....	5	3	27	9
Fair.....	15	16	42	35
Good.....	67	71	11	43
Excellent.....	10	9	11	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	2
Poor.....	5	3	13	8
Fair.....	14	12	46	32
Good.....	28	39	25	39
Excellent.....	50	45	14	19

¹Current conditions for Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, Potatoes, Safflower, and Sugarbeets are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

NA – not available

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Montana’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-06242018.pdf

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