

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: High winds and temperatures along with limited precipitation were the norm throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Biddle and Broadus at 98 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 28 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 69 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Turner with 1.49 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 47 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 4 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 54 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 10 percent. Small grain harvest has begun, but is behind last year's progress. Producers have started harvesting lentils with 4 percent complete, well behind last year's progress of 47 percent. Several reports from Northwest areas indicate that soil conditions are drying out due to no precipitation, high winds, and high temperatures. According to a reporter in Teton County, the area was impacted by hail and wind damage. According to a reporter in Roosevelt County, the previous week's storm damage was greater than originally estimated, with some crops totally lost in the county.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	97	93	96	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	36	11	44	22
Barley				
Headed	95	91	97	98
Turning color	74	56	81	80
Harvested	1	--	5	6
Canola				
Blooming	95	92	93	NA
Turning color	60	49	71	60
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	97	94	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	19	13	57	33
Durum wheat				
Headed	91	86	93	91
Turning color	56	36	40	36
Harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming	90	80	NA	NA
Turning color	31	16	41	41
Lentils				
Harvested	4	--	47	20
Mustard seed				
Blooming	96	94	86	NA
Turning color	65	57	53	55
Oats				
Headed	95	86	94	NA
Turning color	54	32	54	57
Harvested	4	--	17	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	95	91	96	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	20	6	27	12
Safflower				
Emerged	95	90	89	NA
Blooming	68	54	44	70
Turning color	18	12	21	NA
Spring wheat				
Headed	95	89	97	96
Turning color	67	48	49	55
Winter wheat				
Turning color	96	86	NA	NA
Harvested	19	7	61	37

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.8	6.8	6.9	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	13	69	24
Short.....	39	37	27	32
Adequate.....	47	49	4	38
Surplus.....	--	1	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	5	52	19
Short.....	39	37	38	33
Adequate.....	53	55	9	43
Surplus.....	1	3	1	5

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.....	2	1	5	2
Poor.....	4	3	10	7
Fair.....	27	27	48	39
Good.....	51	51	33	41
Excellent.....	16	18	4	11
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	7	4
Poor.....	2	3	16	7
Fair.....	14	15	53	37
Good.....	66	65	23	41
Excellent.....	18	16	1	11
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	2	2	25	NA
Poor.....	8	8	29	NA
Fair.....	24	22	36	NA
Good.....	54	56	8	NA
Excellent.....	12	12	2	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	15	7
Poor.....	5	5	40	21
Fair.....	36	39	42	34
Good.....	46	44	3	37
Excellent.....	12	11	--	1
Lentils				
Very poor.....	1	1	16	8
Poor.....	7	7	36	17
Fair.....	29	29	44	37
Good.....	49	46	4	35
Excellent.....	14	17	--	3
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	27	7
Poor.....	1	1	26	9
Fair.....	10	11	28	31
Good.....	72	70	16	47
Excellent.....	17	18	3	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	4	37	13
Poor.....	11	11	23	17
Fair.....	24	20	28	35
Good.....	51	49	12	29
Excellent.....	9	16	--	6
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	31	8
Poor.....	7	7	27	10
Fair.....	26	25	33	32
Good.....	54	54	7	41
Excellent.....	10	11	2	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	8	3
Poor.....	5	4	8	8
Fair.....	15	16	33	28
Good.....	37	39	34	43
Excellent.....	41	40	17	18

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

(--)- zero

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-07292018.pdf

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