

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dry winds and warm temperatures were the observed 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 Wolf Point at 101 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 27 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 57 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Melville with 1.64 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 49 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 3 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 48 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 10 percent. Producers have started harvesting canola, dry beans, mustard seed, and spring wheat. Several reports from Northwest areas indicate that soil conditions are drying out due to no precipitation, high winds, and high temperatures. Severe storms and crop damage were reported in Powell, Roosevelt, and Yellowstone counties, with kernels being knocked out of small grains according to reporters.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	59	36	58	39
Barley				
Turning color .....	86	74	91	91
Harvested .....	14	1	27	20
Canola				
Turning color .....	80	60	87	77
Harvested .....	1	--	22	10
Dry edible beans				
Harvested .....	5	--	55	17
Dry edible peas				
Harvested .....	35	19	74	49
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	96	91	97	NA
Turning color .....	75	56	75	60
Harvested .....	7	1	18	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming .....	93	90	NA	NA
Turning color .....	48	31	81	64
Lentils				
Harvested .....	19	4	72	36
Mustard seed				
Turning color .....	75	65	82	72
Harvested .....	1	NA	26	NA
Oats				
Turning color .....	75	54	84	81
Harvested .....	8	4	45	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	40	20	40	23
Safflower				
Blooming .....	74	68	53	78
Turning color .....	33	18	38	NA
Spring wheat				
Turning color .....	87	67	85	75
Harvested .....	8	--	29	12
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	44	19	85	61

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.....	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	14	75	24
Short.....	31	39	22	33
Adequate.....	49	47	3	39
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	7	49	18
Short.....	46	39	41	36
Adequate.....	48	53	9	42
Surplus.....	--	1	1	4

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	2	8	3
Poor.....	2	4	16	8
Fair.....	30	27	48	37
Good.....	50	51	26	38
Excellent.....	18	16	2	14
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	2	2	24	8
Fair.....	22	14	57	38
Good.....	61	66	14	41
Excellent.....	15	18	1	12
<b>Dry edible peas</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	8	NA	NA
Fair.....	24	24	NA	NA
Good.....	49	54	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	12	NA	NA
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	40	12
Poor.....	7	5	31	17
Fair.....	38	36	26	32
Good.....	44	46	3	37
Excellent.....	10	12	--	2
<b>Lentils</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	31	29	NA	NA
Good.....	49	49	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	14	NA	NA
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	34	8
Poor.....	2	1	23	8
Fair.....	13	10	25	33
Good.....	70	72	15	45
Excellent.....	14	17	3	6
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	41	14
Poor.....	12	11	27	18
Fair.....	32	24	24	33
Good.....	46	51	8	29
Excellent.....	5	9	--	6
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	1	3	35	9
Poor.....	9	7	28	10
Fair.....	29	26	28	30
Good.....	49	54	7	42
Excellent.....	12	10	2	9
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	15	NA	NA
Good.....	41	37	NA	NA
Excellent.....	43	41	NA	NA

<sup>1</sup>Current 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/](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-08052018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-08052018.pdf)

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