

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry winds and warm temperatures were 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 Powderville at 109 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 16 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 41 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Jordan with 0.98 of an inch of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 37 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 2 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 44 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 9 percent. Producers noted that crops and pasture grasses are turning rapidly in the dry, warm weather with non-irrigated pastures being very dry. Grazing was reported to be deteriorating throughout the state due to heat stress.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	75	59	74	58
Barley				
Turning color	94	86	95	NA
Harvested	32	14	53	41
Canola				
Turning color	88	80	92	89
Harvested	3	1	34	27
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	8	5	64	30
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	59	35	85	67
Durum wheat				
Turning color	84	75	92	78
Harvested	21	7	46	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming	95	93	NA	NA
Turning color	64	48	94	79
Harvested	1	--	43	NA
Lentils				
Harvested	42	19	89	51
Mustard seed				
Turning color	80	75	89	NA
Harvested	2	1	33	24
Oats				
Turning color	86	75	91	NA
Harvested	17	8	59	38
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	55	40	50	42
Safflower				
Blooming	78	74	72	88
Turning color	44	33	45	42
Spring wheat				
Turning color	96	87	92	89
Harvested	26	8	38	24
Winter wheat				
Harvested	67	44	91	80

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.....	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	26	20	82	27
Short.....	37	31	16	29
Adequate.....	37	49	2	39
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	67	22
Short.....	49	46	24	32
Adequate.....	43	48	8	42
Surplus.....	1	--	1	4

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.....	1	--	15	5
Poor.....	4	2	17	9
Fair.....	22	30	40	35
Good.....	58	50	25	37
Excellent.....	15	18	3	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	1
Poor.....	3	2	16	6
Fair.....	18	22	54	39
Good.....	61	61	26	42
Excellent.....	17	15	2	12
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	8	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	24	NA	NA
Good.....	51	49	NA	NA
Excellent.....	13	18	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	59	16
Poor.....	5	7	25	16
Fair.....	46	38	14	31
Good.....	44	44	2	35
Excellent.....	5	10	--	2
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	35	31	NA	NA
Good.....	48	49	NA	NA
Excellent.....	11	14	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	37	9
Poor.....	3	2	23	9
Fair.....	16	13	21	30
Good.....	65	70	16	45
Excellent.....	15	14	3	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	5	43	14
Poor.....	15	12	23	18
Fair.....	33	32	22	33
Good.....	41	46	10	29
Excellent.....	4	5	2	3
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	46	11
Poor.....	7	9	17	8
Fair.....	28	29	26	30
Good.....	55	49	8	42
Excellent.....	9	12	3	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	16	13	NA	NA
Good.....	35	41	NA	NA
Excellent.....	45	43	NA	NA

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-08122018.pdf

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