

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 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 Glendive and Broadus at 104 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 60 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Busby with 2.05 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 35 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 2 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 43 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 10 percent. Producers noted heavy smoke due to multiple fires in northwestern parts of the state, and as pasture conditions continued to deteriorate, some producers were bringing cattle home from summer ranges. In Phillips County, ranchers were looking for protein supplements to make up for a lack of grass. Valley County was reported to be in a D2 drought, and suffering from invasive cheatgrass. Lake County reported that a good cherry season had wrapped up.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	85	75	86	71
Barley				
Turning color	97	94	97	NA
Harvested	51	32	70	59
Canola				
Turning color	94	88	NA	NA
Harvested	14	3	58	43
Corn				
Harvested for silage	1	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	25	8	69	46
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	77	59	89	79
Durum wheat				
Turning color	90	84	95	91
Harvested	34	21	71	28
Flaxseed				
Turning color	79	64	96	89
Harvested	23	1	61	26
Lentils				
Harvested	61	42	94	62
Mustard seed				
Turning color	94	80	92	NA
Harvested	21	2	55	40
Oats				
Turning color	94	86	93	NA
Harvested	35	17	70	54
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	68	55	62	55
Safflower				
Blooming	81	78	79	NA
Turning color	53	44	49	50
Harvested	1	--	2	NA
Spring wheat				
Harvested	45	26	62	42
Winter wheat				
Harvested	85	67	95	91

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	7.0	6.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	26	78	26
Short.....	42	37	20	28
Adequate.....	35	37	2	39
Surplus.....	--	--	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	7	62	22
Short.....	42	49	28	30
Adequate.....	43	43	9	42
Surplus.....	--	1	1	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.....	2	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	26	22	NA	NA
Good.....	53	58	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	15	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	8	2
Poor.....	4	3	16	6
Fair.....	22	18	51	40
Good.....	56	61	24	41
Excellent.....	17	17	1	11
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	29	28	NA	NA
Good.....	48	51	NA	NA
Excellent.....	15	13	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	46	46	NA	NA
Good.....	42	44	NA	NA
Excellent.....	7	5	NA	NA
Lentils				
Very poor.....	2	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	34	35	NA	NA
Good.....	43	48	NA	NA
Excellent.....	12	11	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	17	16	NA	NA
Good.....	66	65	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	15	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	7	42	15
Poor.....	12	15	25	18
Fair.....	34	33	27	36
Good.....	37	41	6	26
Excellent.....	8	4	--	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	42	10
Poor.....	10	7	23	9
Fair.....	28	28	27	31
Good.....	49	55	6	42
Excellent.....	11	9	2	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	16	NA	NA
Good.....	46	35	NA	NA
Excellent.....	27	45	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

(--)- 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-08192018.pdf

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