

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered rain was observed throughout the state last week delaying harvest in some counties, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Terry Meso at 92 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 97 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Zortman with 1.66 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 39 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 3 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 36 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 9 percent. The first frost as well as hail were observed in Judith Basin County, although the effect on Safflower and other crops is yet to be determined. Pasture in the county was reported to be in good condition despite little moisture. Pastures were not faring as well in Lake and Sanders Counties where cows were being brought home early, according to reporters. Prairie County noted that rainfall shelled beans that had been cut for harvest. Yellowstone County reported that recent moisture lead to some sprout in grains.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	95	91	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested	72	67	93	86
Canola				
Harvested	47	34	90	75
Corn				
Harvested for silage	9	5	18	11
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	49	35	85	70
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	92	86	97	92
Durum wheat				
Turning color	95	93	NA	NA
Harvested	63	47	84	57
Flaxseed				
Turning color	87	82	NA	NA
Harvested	43	33	87	55
Lentils				
Harvested	87	76	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested	54	37	79	65
Oats				
Harvested	69	52	89	81
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	86	78	88	74
Safflower				
Blooming	86	82	94	NA
Turning color	64	59	74	81
Harvested	11	4	32	13
Spring wheat				
Harvested	75	61	92	76
Winter wheat				
Harvested	95	91	98	98

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.....	5.7	6.2	7.0	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	18	77	24
Short.....	42	42	20	26
Adequate.....	38	38	3	43
Surplus.....	1	2	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	14	56	20
Short.....	48	43	35	30
Adequate.....	35	43	9	45
Surplus.....	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)
Canola				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	33	31	NA	NA
Good.....	42	47	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	16	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	5	2
Poor.....	9	4	13	6
Fair.....	20	22	47	35
Good.....	55	60	33	44
Excellent.....	16	13	2	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	54	42	NA	NA
Good.....	33	42	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	9	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	47	41	NA	NA
Good.....	44	41	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	11	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	20	27	NA	NA
Good.....	66	55	NA	NA
Excellent.....	13	16	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	52	62	NA	NA
Good.....	35	26	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	7	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	8	44	16
Poor.....	15	12	29	21
Fair.....	28	34	22	32
Good.....	35	40	5	26
Excellent.....	11	6	--	5
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	11	11	9	NA
Good.....	41	44	61	NA
Excellent.....	42	39	29	NA
Safflower				
Very poor.....	--	--	27	6
Poor.....	4	3	30	7
Fair.....	37	21	42	27
Good.....	47	63	1	48
Excellent.....	12	13	--	12

¹Current conditions for 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-09022018.pdf

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