

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moderate temperatures and scattered precipitation were observed throughout the state, 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 Powderville at 93 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Wisdom at 13 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 71 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Melstone with 1.11 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 40 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 35 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 39 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 19 percent. Lake County reports shorter days and scattered precipitation are helping pastures, but bear damage is an issue for some corn fields. Sanders County reports wheat harvest is several weeks later than normal. Hill County reports farmers are preparing to plant winter wheat. Teton County reports cooler, damper weather is helping range conditions. Valley County reports very dry conditions persisting, and Powder River County reports very dry dusty conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested.....	92	85	98	97
Canola				
Harvested.....	80	62	94	86
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	3	--	5	5
Harvested for silage.....	42	17	66	38
Dry edible beans				
Harvested.....	79	58	97	78
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	85	75	97	73
Flaxseed				
Turning color.....	97	90	NA	NA
Harvested.....	70	47	NA	NA
Lentils				
Harvested.....	96	94	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested.....	77	68	91	78
Oats				
Harvested.....	94	83	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	93	91	NA	NA
Safflower				
Blooming.....	98	90	NA	NA
Turning color.....	88	69	90	NA
Harvested.....	30	20	46	24
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	94	87	99	89

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.4	6.8	4.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	22	36	14
Short.....	40	41	29	24
Adequate.....	40	36	35	56
Surplus.....	--	1	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	21	18	46	17
Short.....	40	47	35	28
Adequate.....	39	35	19	51
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	7	3
Poor.....	12	12	13	6
Fair.....	20	16	36	33
Good.....	55	58	39	44
Excellent.....	13	14	5	14
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	12	12	NA	NA
Good.....	65	65	NA	NA
Excellent.....	22	22	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	10	50	16
Poor.....	17	17	27	21
Fair.....	32	30	15	33
Good.....	35	37	6	25
Excellent.....	5	6	2	5
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	14	16	9	NA
Good.....	41	41	57	NA
Excellent.....	39	37	33	NA
Safflower				
Very poor.....	--	--	31	6
Poor.....	1	1	24	7
Fair.....	20	28	45	27
Good.....	55	56	--	48
Excellent.....	24	15	--	12
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	1
Poor.....	5	5	12	7
Fair.....	21	18	43	28
Good.....	46	52	37	46
Excellent.....	25	24	6	18

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-09162018.pdf

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