MONTANA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool temperatures and mixed 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 Loma at 70 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Red Lodge at 5 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 88 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Melstone with 3.32 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 62 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 54 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 48 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 32 percent. Reporters noted that the cool weather and precipitation continue to slow harvest, with some areas reporting very little harvest occurring in the last month. Potato harvest was 62 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 84 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 25 percent complete, which falls behind both the previous year and 5-year average. Winter wheat seeded was 74 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 80 percent. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with only 41 percent of cattle and 29 percent of sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Canola				
Harvested	95	94	NA	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain	25	22	32	30
Harvested for silage	92	86	94	92
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	94	90	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Harvested	85	80	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Harvested	62	33	84	68
Safflower				
Harvested	60	52	61	61
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	42	26	38	35
Winter wheat				
Planted	74	60	80	87
Emerged	53	32	50	58
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	41	22	60	56
Receiving supplemental feed	25	17	21	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	29	20	71	72
Receiving supplemental feed	24	16	23	NA

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....................................	4.1	3.5	5.0	5.0
Topsoil moisture				
Very short..	6	4	17	10
Short..	32	40	29	22
Adequate..	58	49	45	58
Surplus...	4	7	9	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short..	15	20	32	13
Short..	37	35	36	26
Adequate..	47	45	27	54
Surplus...	1	--	5	7

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..	1	1	9	3
Poor	9	8	12	6
Fair	26	26	49	34
Good...	43	52	29	44
Excellent...	21	13	1	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor..	10	11	39	14
Poor	18	21	28	20
Fair	38	29	23	33
Good...	30	34	9	28
Excellent...	4	5	1	5
Potatoes				
Very poor..	3	3	--	NA
Poor	3	3	1	NA
Fair	10	11	12	NA
Good...	45	41	51	NA
Excellent...	39	42	36	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor..	2	2	2	1
Poor	3	6	11	6
Fair	12	18	44	28
Good...	52	52	37	47
Excellent...	31	22	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-10142018.pdf

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