

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry weather and moderate temperatures 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 Yellowtail at 71 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in West Yellowstone at 15 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 98 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Hungry Horse with 2.94 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 73 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 60 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 59 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 35 percent. Producers were able to catch up on fall work that had been delayed due to weather conditions in late September and early October. Potato harvest was 90 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 96 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 64 percent complete, which falls slightly behind the 5-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 83 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 89 percent. Cattle and sheep are coming off summer range in good condition. Mild weather and timely precipitation helped extend fall pastures. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 73 percent of both cattle and sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	64	54	63	69
Potatoes				
Harvested	90	85	96	89
Safflower				
Harvested	90	80	84	89
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	99	87	93	91
Winter wheat				
Planted	97	94	97	98
Emerged.....	83	76	82	89
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	73	66	79	80
Receiving supplemental feed	30	20	42	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	73	62	83	87
Receiving supplemental feed	30	20	45	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.....	5.2	6.7	3.2	4.8
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	7	13	7
Short.....	23	28	27	22
Adequate.....	67	64	50	62
Surplus.....	6	1	10	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	13	24	10
Short.....	35	37	41	27
Adequate.....	59	50	33	57
Surplus.....	--	--	2	6

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	9	37	14
Poor.....	13	15	29	19
Fair.....	34	27	22	34
Good.....	41	44	11	28
Excellent.....	6	5	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	1	2	8	3
Fair.....	18	14	47	30
Good.....	65	74	38	47
Excellent.....	16	10	5	20

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-11042018.pdf

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