

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures and a few snow storms 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 Hardin at 65 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Millegan at -7 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 89 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Morgan with 1.50 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 82 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 58 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 66 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 38 percent. Field work is mostly complete for the season, but snow storms have hindered completion in some areas of the state. Corn for grain harvest was 78 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 79 percent. Winter wheat emerged was 92 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 95 percent. Mild weather and timely precipitation continues to allow for extended fall grazing. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 86 percent of cattle and 89 percent of sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	78	68	76	79
Safflower				
Harvested	98	94	96	97
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	92	89	93	95
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	86	77	88	89
Receiving supplemental feed	40	35	54	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	89	78	91	94
Receiving supplemental feed	40	35	57	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.....	2.8	2.7	4.0	NA
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	14	8
Short.....	14	23	28	22
Adequate.....	80	72	54	64
Surplus.....	2	2	4	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	6	21	10
Short.....	23	28	41	27
Adequate.....	65	66	38	57
Surplus.....	1	--	--	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.....	11	12	36	14
Poor.....	16	13	30	20
Fair.....	29	32	24	34
Good.....	29	36	9	28
Excellent.....	15	7	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	2	8	3
Fair.....	19	18	53	34
Good.....	60	56	35	47
Excellent.....	19	24	1	15

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-11182018.pdf

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