

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler than normal temperatures combined with scattered precipitation across Montana during the past week delayed fieldwork and hindered warm season grass progress, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 85 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 78 percent in the previous week and 83 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 78 percent adequate to surplus compared to 76 percent the previous year. A reporter in Judith Basin County stated hail damage was received and severity varied greatly depending on location. Barley headed was estimated at 20 percent, behind the 5-year average of 39 percent. Durum wheat emerged was reported at 95 percent complete, which is ahead of last year at 92 percent. Dry edible pea acres were almost completely emerged with an estimated 97 percent. Planting of oilseeds was almost completed with 95 percent of the flaxseed crop planted, slightly behind last year at 96 percent, and 84 percent of the safflower crop planted, even with last year. Canola emerged was reported at 89 percent complete, equal to last year. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 73 percent good to excellent compared to 69 percent at this time last year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	29	13	35	NA
Barley				
Booted .....	50	34	62	81
Headed .....	20	1	26	39
Canola				
Emerged .....	89	77	89	92
Blooming .....	30	11	33	57
Corn				
Emerged .....	94	87	NA	NA
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Emerged .....	93	79	93	90
Dry edible peas				
Emerged .....	97	94	NA	NA
Blooming .....	45	24	45	73
Durum wheat				
Emerged .....	95	92	92	96
Booted .....	33	10	43	51
Headed .....	6	--	22	18
Flaxseed				
Planted .....	95	90	96	NA
Emerged .....	79	70	79	NA
Blooming .....	28	2	29	39
Lentils				
Emerged .....	97	93	NA	NA
Blooming .....	33	5	43	58
Mustard seed				
Emerged .....	94	87	95	90
Blooming .....	30	5	41	54
Oats				
Emerged .....	97	92	94	96
Booted .....	31	15	37	63
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	32	13	36	NA
Safflower				
Planted .....	84	74	84	89
Emerged .....	73	48	54	75
Spring wheat				
Booted .....	50	31	58	77
Headed .....	17	--	31	33
Sugarbeets				
Emerged .....	93	91	98	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted .....	96	89	96	NA
Headed .....	74	45	78	89
Turning Color .....	15	--	17	30

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.....	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	3	14
Short.....	15	22	14	27
Adequate.....	74	74	71	52
Surplus.....	11	4	12	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	6	12
Short.....	20	27	18	30
Adequate.....	76	71	70	53
Surplus.....	2	--	6	5

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	3	2
Poor.....	7	7	5	8
Fair.....	29	28	15	33
Good.....	56	50	53	40
Excellent.....	6	13	24	17
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	3	--	2	3
Fair.....	19	23	19	31
Good.....	73	69	60	53
Excellent.....	5	8	18	12
<b>Dry Peas</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	1	4
Poor.....	7	5	3	10
Fair.....	44	47	21	31
Good.....	43	42	65	45
Excellent.....	2	2	10	10
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	4	6	3	11
Fair.....	56	53	43	37
Good.....	39	37	47	43
Excellent.....	1	4	7	3
<b>Lentils</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	3	3	4	10
Fair.....	50	55	29	36
Good.....	45	38	56	45
Excellent.....	2	4	10	4
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	1	--	1	7
Fair.....	30	36	15	30
Good.....	66	59	60	50
Excellent.....	3	5	23	10
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	6
Poor.....	3	4	5	16
Fair.....	28	26	17	31
Good.....	57	57	44	34
Excellent.....	11	12	33	13
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	3	6
Poor.....	8	7	5	10
Fair.....	29	37	17	31
Good.....	59	50	66	44
Excellent.....	2	5	9	9
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	1	--	3	6
Fair.....	20	15	25	29
Good.....	70	77	45	48
Excellent.....	9	8	25	15
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	4	3
Poor.....	7	7	8	9
Fair.....	20	21	19	32
Good.....	45	49	24	34
Excellent.....	28	22	45	22

<sup>1</sup>Current conditions for Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed and Safflower are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick\\_Stats/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/)

NA – not available

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