

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered precipitation and hailstorms were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 86 percent in the previous week and 66 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 76 percent adequate to surplus compared to 61 percent the previous year. A reporter in Roosevelt County stated that the precipitation and moisture over the last week have slowed haying. There were reports of hail damage in Chouteau, Phillips and Powell Counties. Barley headed was estimated at 60 percent, behind the 5-year average of 87 percent. Durum wheat headed was reported at 54 percent, which is behind last year at 71 percent. Dry edible peas blooming was estimated at 89 percent, falling behind the previous year of 91 percent. Flaxseed emerged was reported at 89 percent complete, compared to 94 percent in the previous year. Canola blooming was estimated at 70 percent, behind of last year at 85 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 66 percent good to excellent compared to 85 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 st cutting harvested	51	39	82	86
Barley				
Booted	90	65	94	NA
Headed	60	35	81	87
Turning Color	9	1	37	NA
Canola				
Blooming	70	45	85	NA
Turning Color	19	2	39	31
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	13	NA	90	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	89	72	91	NA
Durum wheat				
Booted	77	58	90	NA
Headed	54	25	71	65
Flaxseed				
Emerged	89	83	94	NA
Blooming	61	41	73	82
Lentils				
Blooming	76	52	88	NA
Mustard seed				
Blooming	70	45	89	NA
Turning Color	10	1	38	21
Oats				
Booted	70	46	90	92
Headed	40	14	70	73
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	53	43	78	82
Safflower				
Planted	97	87	NA	NA
Emerged	84	79	84	NA
Blooming	15	3	49	43
Spring wheat				
Booted	90	65	93	NA
Headed	60	36	81	81
Winter wheat				
Headed	96	91	92	97
Turning Color	50	28	73	81

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.....	5.4	4.7	6.6	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	--	4	19
Short.....	21	14	30	31
Adequate.....	68	77	60	44
Surplus.....	9	9	6	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	5	13
Short.....	22	20	34	35
Adequate.....	75	77	55	47
Surplus.....	1	1	6	5

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	3
Poor.....	9	7	3	7
Fair.....	23	29	14	32
Good.....	49	54	66	44
Excellent.....	18	8	16	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	2	3	5	5
Fair.....	15	24	17	31
Good.....	69	67	57	49
Excellent.....	14	6	19	13
Dry Peas				
Very poor.....	1	3	1	4
Poor.....	5	7	4	10
Fair.....	32	40	16	30
Good.....	54	45	65	45
Excellent.....	8	5	14	11
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	5	5	4	11
Fair.....	45	54	35	39
Good.....	42	40	47	38
Excellent.....	8	1	14	4
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	4	4	3	10
Fair.....	43	52	26	37
Good.....	46	43	55	40
Excellent.....	7	1	16	5
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	5
Poor.....	5	2	1	7
Fair.....	34	33	26	32
Good.....	55	61	55	48
Excellent.....	5	4	17	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	10
Poor.....	5	4	7	17
Fair.....	19	28	21	31
Good.....	54	50	49	33
Excellent.....	22	17	22	9
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	8
Poor.....	11	10	3	10
Fair.....	21	20	16	27
Good.....	59	68	70	46
Excellent.....	8	2	10	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	--	5
Fair.....	11	15	20	26
Good.....	79	78	59	52
Excellent.....	10	5	21	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	3
Poor.....	13	9	2	8
Fair.....	19	20	12	29
Good.....	28	40	39	37
Excellent.....	38	30	46	23

¹Current 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/

NA – not available

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