

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm and humid conditions 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 65 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 74 percent in the previous week and 49 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 64 percent adequate to surplus compared to 48 percent the previous year. A reporter in Ravalli County stated scattered thunder showers are delaying the hay harvest. A reporter in Prairie County stated a large hailstorm affected crop conditions in certain areas. Barley turning color was estimated at 86 percent complete, behind the 5-year average of 90 percent. Durum wheat headed was reported at 96 percent complete, which is slightly ahead of last year at 95 percent. Oats turning color was estimated at 55 percent complete, behind the previous year of 72 percent and 5-year average of 79 percent. Flaxseed blooming was reported at 92 percent complete, slightly behind the previous year at 93 percent. Canola turning color was estimated at 60 percent complete, behind last year at 77 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops has started slowly, with an estimated 2 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 17 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 6 percent complete, behind last year at 33 percent and the 5-year average of 50 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 72 percent good to excellent compared to 84 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 .....	94	86	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	3	NA	56	43
Barley				
Turning color .....	86	57	84	90
Harvested .....	2	NA	12	18
Canola				
Turning color .....	60	45	77	75
Harvested .....	2	NA	1	8
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming .....	73	52	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Harvested .....	6	--	33	50
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	96	89	95	NA
Turning color .....	58	30	72	65
Flaxseed				
Blooming .....	92	84	93	NA
Turning color .....	53	30	46	58
Lentils				
Harvested .....	2	--	17	34
Mustard seed				
Turning color .....	60	37	74	74
Oats				
Headed .....	96	90	NA	NA
Turning color .....	55	24	72	79
Harvested .....	1	NA	7	NA
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	89	79	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	2	NA	37	27
Safflower				
Blooming .....	60	50	73	72
Turning color .....	6	1	31	NA
Spring wheat				
Turning color .....	65	30	84	81
Harvested .....	1	NA	7	11
Winter wheat				
Turning color .....	96	89	NA	NA
Harvested .....	26	1	40	62

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	20	27
Short.....	35	26	31	31
Adequate.....	63	69	49	38
Surplus.....	2	5	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	6	18
Short.....	36	28	46	38
Adequate.....	64	69	48	40
Surplus.....	--	2	--	4

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.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	8	9	2	7
Fair.....	21	21	30	37
Good.....	57	50	50	40
Excellent.....	14	20	18	13
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	5	2	8
Fair.....	17	19	22	35
Good.....	77	68	61	45
Excellent.....	4	8	15	11
<b>Dry peas</b>				
Very poor.....	--	2	1	NA
Poor.....	3	5	8	NA
Fair.....	26	22	24	NA
Good.....	62	59	49	NA
Excellent.....	9	12	18	NA
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	11
Poor.....	3	4	7	17
Fair.....	20	20	38	32
Good.....	63	59	44	37
Excellent.....	14	17	10	3
<b>Lentils</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	4	6	NA
Fair.....	33	30	31	NA
Good.....	55	54	49	NA
Excellent.....	9	12	14	NA
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	8
Poor.....	5	5	2	7
Fair.....	35	34	13	27
Good.....	57	56	70	50
Excellent.....	3	5	14	8
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	2	1	5	14
Poor.....	6	4	12	19
Fair.....	23	22	32	34
Good.....	61	56	46	29
Excellent.....	8	17	5	4
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	8
Poor.....	11	13	9	11
Fair.....	20	22	29	31
Good.....	62	54	49	40
Excellent.....	7	10	12	10
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	1	4	4
Fair.....	12	11	15	26
Good.....	75	75	56	52
Excellent.....	13	13	24	17
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	12	20	3	NA
Fair.....	16	24	13	NA
Good.....	36	30	41	NA
Excellent.....	36	25	43	NA

<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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