

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm and humid conditions, with scattered precipitation was 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 74 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 65 percent in the previous week and 37 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 70 percent adequate to surplus compared to 44 percent the previous year. A reporter in McCone County stated scattered thunder showers delayed the harvest of several crops. A reporter in Yellowstone County stated a large hailstorm caused varying degrees of damage to crops in the area. Barley turning color was estimated at 92 percent complete, behind the previous year of 93 percent. Durum wheat turning color was reported at 78 percent complete, which is slightly behind last year at 83 percent. Oats turning color was estimated at 80 percent complete, behind the previous year of 84 percent. Flaxseed turning color was reported at 68 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 62 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 75 percent. Canola turning color was estimated at 78 percent complete, behind last year at 87 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops has started slowly, with an estimated 9 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 39 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 35 percent complete, behind last year at 56 percent and the 5-year average of 68 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 68 percent good to excellent compared to 80 percent at this time last year. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 50 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 64 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	97	94	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	20	3	73	62
Barley				
Turning color	92	86	93	NA
Harvested	5	2	29	39
Canola				
Turning color	78	60	87	88
Harvested	3	2	3	22
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	85	73	NA	NA
Harvested	1	NA	8	29
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	35	6	56	68
Durum wheat				
Turning color	78	58	83	82
Harvested	3	--	19	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming	99	92	95	NA
Turning color	68	53	62	75
Lentils				
Harvested	9	2	39	54
Mustard seed				
Turning color	89	60	79	NA
Oats				
Turning color	80	55	84	NA
Harvested	11	1	16	34
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	95	89	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	19	2	53	43
Safflower				
Blooming	70	60	77	82
Turning color	26	6	42	36
Spring wheat				
Turning color	92	65	95	93
Harvested	10	1	23	26
Winter wheat				
Harvested	50	26	64	80

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.....	5.8	6.9	7.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	--	26	30
Short.....	25	35	37	31
Adequate.....	71	63	37	35
Surplus.....	3	2	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	--	7	22
Short.....	29	36	49	36
Adequate.....	69	64	43	38
Surplus.....	1	--	1	4

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	4
Poor.....	8	8	4	8
Fair.....	24	21	22	34
Good.....	53	57	58	41
Excellent.....	15	14	15	13
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	--	1	1
Poor.....	8	2	3	6
Fair.....	22	17	18	34
Good.....	62	77	61	47
Excellent.....	5	4	17	12
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Poor.....	4	3	7	NA
Fair.....	30	26	28	NA
Good.....	52	62	51	NA
Excellent.....	13	9	13	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	3	3	5	15
Fair.....	26	20	46	31
Good.....	52	63	44	37
Excellent.....	19	14	5	3
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	3	6	NA
Fair.....	37	33	35	NA
Good.....	46	55	48	NA
Excellent.....	13	9	11	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	8
Poor.....	5	5	3	8
Fair.....	36	35	16	26
Good.....	53	57	65	49
Excellent.....	6	3	15	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	7	15
Poor.....	5	6	15	20
Fair.....	27	23	33	34
Good.....	57	61	41	27
Excellent.....	10	8	4	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	11
Poor.....	15	11	7	8
Fair.....	23	20	28	30
Good.....	50	62	55	42
Excellent.....	11	7	9	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	6
Fair.....	11	12	18	27
Good.....	75	75	49	46
Excellent.....	14	13	27	20
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Poor.....	13	12	3	NA
Fair.....	18	16	16	NA
Good.....	32	36	35	NA
Excellent.....	36	36	45	NA

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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