

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered storms and damp conditions were observed across much of the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 72 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 76 percent in the previous week and 40 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 73 percent adequate to surplus compared to 43 percent the previous year. Reporters in Roosevelt and Judith Basin counties reported frequent storms and humidity continue to delay harvest and affect the quality of mature crops. In Phillips County a reporter stated that second cutting alfalfa is being damaged by wet conditions. Statewide, barley harvest was estimated at 51 percent complete, behind the previous year of 65 percent. Durum wheat turning color was reported at 95 percent complete, which jumps slightly ahead of the previous year at 93 percent. Twenty percent of the Durum wheat crop had been harvested, well behind last year at 45 percent and the five year average of 47 percent. Oats harvested for grain was estimated at 40 percent complete, behind last year at 50 percent. Flaxseed turning color was reported at 89 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 82 percent. Canola turning color was estimated at 90 percent complete, behind last year at 96 percent. Approximately 15 percent of the canola crop was harvested by the end of the week, behind last year at 31 percent and well behind the 5-year average of 55 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops continues to be slow due to wet conditions, with an estimated 55 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 74 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 74 percent complete, behind last year at 85 percent and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 80 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 90 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	64	46	90	83
Barley				
Harvested	51	30	65	72
Canola				
Turning color	90	85	96	NA
Harvested	15	10	31	55
Corn				
Harvested for silage	1	NA	4	3
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Harvested	21	5	34	57
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	74	60	85	89
Durum wheat				
Turning color	95	81	93	NA
Harvested	20	13	45	47
Flaxseed				
Turning color	89	80	82	NA
Harvested	1	--	32	40
Lentils				
Harvested	55	29	74	NA
Mustard seed				
Turning color	96	92	95	NA
Harvested	13	--	35	52
Oats				
Harvested	40	19	50	66
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	52	37	77	68
Safflower				
Blooming	90	82	82	NA
Turning color	47	35	58	56
Spring wheat				
Harvested	34	20	59	63
Winter wheat				
Harvested	80	69	90	95

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.....	5.2	5.2	6.2	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	18	25
Short.....	24	22	42	29
Adequate.....	64	72	38	38
Surplus.....	8	4	2	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	14	20
Short.....	24	21	43	32
Adequate.....	70	73	43	43
Surplus.....	3	3	--	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.....	2	3	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	25	NA	NA
Good.....	50	50	NA	NA
Excellent.....	23	15	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	5	1	2
Poor.....	4	8	4	6
Fair.....	18	21	22	33
Good.....	67	61	60	48
Excellent.....	11	5	13	11
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	3	2	6	NA
Fair.....	26	19	41	NA
Good.....	62	61	41	NA
Excellent.....	9	18	11	NA
Lentils				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	29	NA	NA
Good.....	62	55	NA	NA
Excellent.....	6	13	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	3	2	3	NA
Fair.....	34	31	17	NA
Good.....	59	62	66	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	14	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	8	16
Poor.....	5	4	12	19
Fair.....	26	20	34	34
Good.....	52	58	40	26
Excellent.....	16	17	6	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	2	3	NA
Poor.....	7	10	7	NA
Fair.....	25	27	30	NA
Good.....	59	52	49	NA
Excellent.....	8	9	11	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	9	2	2	1
Poor.....	11	5	6	5
Fair.....	15	14	20	27
Good.....	52	66	48	48
Excellent.....	13	13	24	19

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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