

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer than average temperatures were observed across 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 69 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 72 percent in the previous week and 39 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 65 percent adequate to surplus compared to 36 percent the previous year. A reporter in Roosevelt County reported dryer and warmer weather has contributed to an increase in harvest activity. In Meagher County a reporter stated crops are late maturing but initial reports on winter wheat reflect above average yields and protein. Statewide, barley harvest was estimated at 68 percent complete, behind the previous year of 71 percent. Durum wheat harvested was reported at 26 percent complete, well behind last year at 61 percent and the five year average of 62 percent. Oats harvested for grain was estimated at 57 percent complete, behind last year at 67 percent. Flaxseed harvested was reported at 10 percent complete, behind the previous year at 42 percent. Approximately 20 percent of the canola crop was harvested by the end of the week, behind last year at 45 percent and well behind the 5-year average of 68 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops continues behind schedule due to wet conditions, with an estimated 74 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 85 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 83 percent complete, behind last year at 91 percent and the 5-year average of 93 percent. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 84 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 94 percent and the 5-year average of 97 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	73	64	94	NA
Barley				
Harvested	68	51	71	82
Canola				
Turning color	97	90	NA	NA
Harvested	20	15	45	68
Corn				
Harvested for silage	10	1	8	10
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Harvested	30	21	47	68
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	83	74	91	93
Durum wheat				
Harvested	26	20	61	62
Flaxseed				
Turning color	100	89	86	NA
Harvested	10	1	42	52
Lentils				
Harvested	74	55	85	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested	33	13	52	64
Oats				
Harvested	57	40	67	77
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	59	52	85	77
Safflower				
Blooming	97	90	85	NA
Turning color	56	47	63	72
Harvested	1	--	10	14
Spring wheat				
Harvested	46	34	73	76
Winter wheat				
Harvested	84	80	94	97

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.....	6.0	5.2	5.7	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	19	26
Short.....	26	24	42	27
Adequate.....	62	64	38	41
Surplus.....	7	8	1	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	3	16	21
Short.....	30	24	48	32
Adequate.....	62	70	35	42
Surplus.....	3	3	1	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)
Canola				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	3	5	6	NA
Fair.....	55	24	33	NA
Good.....	28	53	42	NA
Excellent.....	13	17	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	4	9	7
Fair.....	22	18	20	32
Good.....	61	67	55	47
Excellent.....	12	11	16	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	2	9	NA
Fair.....	69	70	54	NA
Good.....	26	27	33	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	4	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	5	NA
Fair.....	40	26	47	NA
Good.....	48	62	44	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	4	NA
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	35	15	20	NA
Good.....	50	70	66	NA
Excellent.....	15	15	13	NA
Mustard seed				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	3	5	NA
Fair.....	48	34	52	NA
Good.....	44	59	35	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	8	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	38	34	NA	NA
Good.....	53	59	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	1	11	17
Poor.....	7	5	15	21
Fair.....	29	26	28	32
Good.....	47	52	35	24
Excellent.....	15	16	11	6
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	10	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	25	NA	NA
Good.....	50	59	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	8	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	9	9	--	1
Poor.....	11	11	5	5
Fair.....	15	15	11	25
Good.....	51	52	59	49
Excellent.....	14	13	25	20

¹Current conditions for Safflower are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

NA – not available

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