

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Rain and cooler weather 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 87 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 74 percent in the previous week and 40 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 73 percent adequate to surplus compared to 39 percent the previous year. Reporters in McCone, Daniels and Roosevelt counties reported an abundance of rain the past week has greatly hindered harvest progress and caused a decline in crop conditions. In Wibaux and Sheridan counties reporters stated the delayed harvest and wet conditions have caused sprouting of the wheat crop in many fields. Statewide, barley harvest was estimated at 80 percent complete, behind the previous year of 91 percent. Durum wheat harvested was reported at 44 percent complete, well behind last year at 84 percent and the five year average of 81 percent. Oats harvested for grain was estimated at 88 percent complete, behind last year at 92 percent. Flaxseed harvested was reported at 25 percent complete, behind the previous year at 67 percent. Approximately 64 percent of the canola crop was harvested by the end of the week, behind last year at 77 percent and well behind the 5-year average of 84 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops continues behind schedule, with an estimated 90 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 96 percent. Dry peas harvested made little progress due to wet conditions and was estimated at 92 percent complete, compared to 89 percent the previous week. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 91 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 95 percent and the 5-year average of 99 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	86	82	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested	80	76	91	95
Canola				
Harvested	64	45	77	84
Corn				
Harvested for silage	29	23	38	38
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Harvested	58	52	76	80
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	92	89	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Harvested	44	40	84	81
Flaxseed				
Harvested	25	18	67	NA
Lentils				
Harvested	90	85	96	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested	65	50	76	77
Oats				
Harvested	88	70	92	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	76	71	93	NA
Safflower				
Turning color	80	64	85	NA
Harvested	15	10	29	25
Spring wheat				
Harvested	69	62	93	91
Winter wheat				
Harvested	91	89	95	99
Planted	5	1	--	16
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	10	8	NA	NA

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.....	2.8	5.3	6.4	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	20	17
Short.....	10	22	40	28
Adequate.....	72	67	40	50
Surplus.....	15	7	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	5	21	20
Short.....	23	27	40	30
Adequate.....	62	65	39	46
Surplus.....	11	3	--	4

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Canola				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	12	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	36	40	NA	NA
Good.....	37	42	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	14	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	4	4	12	8
Fair.....	24	24	20	30
Good.....	62	59	55	48
Excellent.....	10	12	13	12
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	11	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	18	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	44	55	NA	NA
Good.....	25	35	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	8	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	--	1	NA
Fair.....	25	50	12	NA
Good.....	44	32	65	NA
Excellent.....	28	18	22	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	11	18
Poor.....	5	6	17	20
Fair.....	24	26	32	32
Good.....	50	49	35	24
Excellent.....	18	16	5	6
Safflower				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	6
Poor.....	2	--	1	6
Fair.....	29	27	20	28
Good.....	63	69	55	47
Excellent.....	5	4	24	13
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	9	9	3	1
Poor.....	11	11	5	6
Fair.....	13	16	21	26
Good.....	56	48	46	47
Excellent.....	11	16	25	20

NA – not available

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