

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures and scattered precipitation 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 96 percent adequate to surplus, behind the previous week at 97 percent but ahead of the previous year at 73 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 93 percent adequate to surplus compared to 59 percent the previous year. Reporters in Garfield and Judith Basin counties reported any grain remaining in the field is unlikely to get harvested due to continued weather issues and incoming frigid temperatures. Statewide, Durum wheat made harvest progress and was reported at 86 percent complete, well behind previous years. Oilseed harvest continues behind schedule, with approximately 70 percent of the flaxseed crop harvested by the end of the week. Safflower harvested was reported at 68 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 89 percent and the 5-year average of 87 percent. Sugarbeet harvest made progress last week with 45 percent of the crop harvested, significantly behind the previous year at 97 percent and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Reporters in Prairie County noted sugarbeet harvest has slowed significantly because cold conditions have made it difficult for producers to harvest without the crop freezing. Winter wheat planted for the 2020 crop season was estimated at 91 percent complete, behind last year and the 5-year average at 97 percent. Livestock moved from pasture has increased, with 63 percent of cattle and calves and 66 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was estimated at 23 percent, below the previous year of 30 percent. Thirty-four percent of sheep and lambs were estimated to be receiving supplemental feed, above the previous year of 30 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	30	20	63	68
Harvested for silage .....	91	88	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Harvested .....	86	80	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Harvested .....	70	63	NA	NA
Safflower				
Harvested .....	68	58	89	87
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	45	36	97	89
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	91	87	97	97
Emerged .....	64	57	82	87
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	63	54	72	77
Receiving supplemental feed .....	23	3	30	29
Sheep & Lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	66	56	71	84
Receiving supplemental feed .....	34	2	30	34

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.....	4.0	5.0	5.2	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	4	8
Short.....	4	3	23	23
Adequate.....	73	72	67	60
Surplus.....	23	25	6	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	6	11
Short.....	7	7	35	30
Adequate.....	73	76	59	54
Surplus.....	20	71	--	5

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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	26	24	NA	NA
Good.....	58	61	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	7	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	3	6	14
Poor.....	7	3	13	20
Fair.....	22	23	34	33
Good.....	46	55	41	28
Excellent.....	19	16	6	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	9	8	NA	NA
Poor.....	12	11	NA	NA
Fair.....	15	17	NA	NA
Good.....	50	51	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	13	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	14	4	1	3
Fair.....	37	34	18	28
Good.....	33	41	65	50
Excellent.....	15	20	16	19

NA – not available

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