

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures and wet conditions 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 99 percent adequate to surplus, ahead of the previous week at 91 percent and the previous year at 82 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 84 percent adequate to surplus compared to 66 percent the previous year. A reporter in Roosevelt County stated temperatures were cooler during the first part of the week, but warmed up over the weekend. Durum wheat harvest is finally coming to an end, with 95 percent of harvest complete, well behind previous years. Corn harvested for grain was reported at 47 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 77 percent and the 5-year average of 79 percent. Oilseed harvest is nearing the end, with approximately 90 percent of the flaxseed crop harvested by the end of the week. Safflower harvested was reported at 85 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 97 percent and the 5-year average of 96 percent. Sugarbeet harvest is essentially complete at 99 percent due to freezing temperatures inhibiting producer's ability to harvest. A reporter in Richland County noted about 30 percent of the crop remains in the field and will not get harvested this season. Winter wheat planted for the 2020 crop season was estimated at 97 percent complete, behind last year and the 5-year average at 100 percent. Livestock moved from pasture continues to increase steadily, with 79 percent of cattle and calves and 78 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was estimated at 30 percent, below the previous year of 40 percent. Thirty-five percent of sheep and lambs were estimated to be receiving supplemental feed, behind the previous year of 40 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                         | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Corn                              |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested for grain .....         | 47                        | 35                         | 77                         | 79                          |
| Durum wheat                       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                   | 95                        | 90                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Flaxseed                          |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                   | 90                        | 80                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Safflower                         |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                   | 85                        | 75                         | 97                         | 96                          |
| Sugarbeets                        |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                   | 99                        | 50                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Winter wheat                      |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                     | 97                        | 93                         | 100                        | 100                         |
| Emergед.....                      | 75                        | 68                         | 92                         | 94                          |
| Cattle and calves                 |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from pasture.....           | 79                        | 74                         | 85                         | 88                          |
| Receiving supplemental feed ..... | 30                        | 32                         | 40                         | 43                          |
| Sheep & Lambs                     |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from pasture.....           | 78                        | 74                         | 87                         | 92                          |
| Receiving supplemental feed ..... | 35                        | 43                         | 40                         | 46                          |

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..... | 2.3          | 2.4           | 2.8           | 3.5            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                   | --           | --            | 4             | 8              |
| Short.....                        | 1            | 9             | 14            | 21             |
| Adequate.....                     | 81           | 73            | 80            | 65             |
| Surplus.....                      | 18           | 18            | 2             | 6              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                   | --           | --            | 11            | 12             |
| Short.....                        | 16           | 16            | 23            | 27             |
| Adequate.....                     | 69           | 69            | 65            | 59             |
| Surplus.....                      | 15           | 15            | 1             | 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.....         | 13           | 7             | NA            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 34           | 23            | NA            | NA             |
| Good.....         | 45           | 61            | NA            | NA             |
| Excellent.....    | 7            | 8             | NA            | NA             |
| Pasture and range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 8            | 11            | 11            | 15             |
| Poor.....         | 4            | 7             | 16            | 21             |
| Fair.....         | 24           | 21            | 29            | 34             |
| Good.....         | 45           | 40            | 29            | 24             |
| Excellent.....    | 19           | 21            | 15            | 6              |
| Winter wheat      |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 2            | --            | --            | 1              |
| Poor.....         | 9            | 15            | 2             | 3              |
| Fair.....         | 24           | 30            | 19            | 29             |
| Good.....         | 33           | 35            | 60            | 49             |
| Excellent.....    | 32           | 20            | 19            | 18             |

NA – not available

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