

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures subsided as the weather warmed throughout the weekend, 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, equal to the previous week and ahead of the previous year at 85 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 86 percent adequate to surplus compared to 70 percent the previous year. A reporter in Roosevelt County stated cooler temperatures were accompanied by snow during midweek, but temperatures warmed over the weekend resulting in snow melting. Corn harvested for grain made progress and was reported at 61 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 89 percent and the 5-year average of 85 percent. Oilseed harvest is nearing the end, with approximately 95 percent of the flaxseed crop and 92 percent of the safflower crop harvested by the end of the week. Winter wheat emerged for the 2020 crop season was estimated at 81 percent complete, behind last year at 93 percent and the 5-year average at 96 percent. A reporter in Roosevelt County noted that some pastures remain accessible and that standing forage was readily available for livestock. Livestock moved from pasture continues to increase steadily, with 84 percent of cattle and calves and 85 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was estimated at 31 percent, below the previous year of 35 percent and the 5-year average of 51 percent. Forty-five percent of sheep and lambs were estimated to be receiving supplemental feed, ahead of the previous year of 35 percent but behind the 5-year average at 55 percent.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2019. Next year's Montana weekly report will begin in April 2020.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Thursday, January 2, 2020; for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; for February on Monday, February 24, 2020; and for March on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2019 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	61	47	89	85
Flaxseed				
Harvested .....	95	90	NA	NA
Safflower				
Harvested .....	92	85	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	81	75	93	96
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	84	79	87	91
Receiving supplemental feed .....	31	30	35	51
Sheep & Lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	85	78	91	95
Receiving supplemental feed .....	45	35	35	55

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.....	2.7	2.3	3.2	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	2	8
Short.....	1	1	13	21
Adequate.....	80	81	81	64
Surplus.....	19	18	4	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	8	11
Short.....	14	16	22	27
Adequate.....	71	69	70	57
Surplus.....	15	15	--	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.....	12	13	NA	NA
Fair.....	34	34	NA	NA
Good.....	46	45	NA	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	8	8	15
Poor.....	2	4	15	20
Fair.....	22	24	35	35
Good.....	53	45	32	25
Excellent.....	18	19	10	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	6	9	3	4
Fair.....	24	24	17	28
Good.....	31	33	58	47
Excellent.....	37	32	22	20

NA – not available

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