

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The month of February produced warm winter conditions with above average temperatures across the state of Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in Prairie and Roosevelt counties noted unseasonably warm temperatures melted snow cover. Topsoil moisture conditions were 82 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were 88 percent adequate to surplus. So far, winter freeze and wind damage to winter wheat remains light. Snow coverage for the state is rated 21 percent good to excellent, which is below the 81 percent reported previous year. Pasture and range conditions improved from the last report with 61 percent rated good to excellent, compared to 45 percent for the month of January.

**Note:** The next monthly report will be released for March on Monday, March 30, 2020. The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 6, 2020

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	2	NA	4	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	97	96	99	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	1	NA	2	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	96	96	100	NA

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	1	2	NA
Short.....	10	5	12	NA
Adequate.....	68	81	81	NA
Surplus.....	14	13	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	6	NA
Short.....	11	8	16	NA
Adequate.....	75	79	73	NA
Surplus.....	13	12	5	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing accessibility				
Open .....	44	67	13	NA
Difficult .....	24	19	39	NA
Closed.....	32	14	48	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	7	NA
Poor .....	5	12	15	NA
Fair .....	31	40	31	NA
Good.....	45	40	42	NA
Excellent.....	16	5	5	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	23	5	2	NA
Fair .....	40	24	46	NA
Good.....	25	40	38	NA
Excellent.....	12	31	14	NA
Winter wheat – wind damage				
None .....	47	82	71	NA
Light .....	49	13	15	NA
Moderate.....	4	4	13	NA
Heavy .....	--	1	1	NA
Winter wheat – freeze and drought damage				
None .....	43	78	61	NA
Light .....	53	17	21	NA
Moderate.....	4	4	17	NA
Heavy .....	--	1	1	NA
Winter wheat – protectiveness of snow cover				
Very poor.....	17	33	--	NA
Poor .....	25	26	3	NA
Fair .....	37	22	16	NA
Good.....	18	17	53	NA
Excellent.....	3	2	28	NA

NA – not available

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