

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures and limited moisture was observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 39 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 46 percent in the previous week, and 91 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 36 percent adequate to surplus compared to 84 percent the previous year. Corn for grain harvest progressed well last week, with an estimated 60 percent of the crop harvested, behind the 5-year average at 62 percent, but ahead of the previous year at 34 percent. Safflower harvest is virtually complete, with an estimated 98 percent of the crop harvested, ahead of the previous year and 5-year average at 73 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Sugarbeet harvest progressed well last week, with an estimated 81 percent of the crop harvested, ahead of the previous year at 49 percent. Planting of the 2021 winter wheat crop is essentially complete, with an estimated 99 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 92 percent and the 5-year average at 97 percent. Emergence of the 2021 winter wheat crop advanced last week, with an estimated 85 percent of the crop emerged, ahead of the previous year at 67 percent and the 5-year average of 84 percent. An estimated 76 percent of cattle and calves and 73 percent of sheep and lambs have been moved from pasture. An estimated 48 percent of cattle and 56 percent of sheep are receiving supplemental feed, significantly ahead of the 5-year averages of 34 percent and 39 percent, respectively.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	60	46	34	62
Safflower				
Harvested	98	91	73	86
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	81	72	49	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	99	94	92	97
Emerged	85	73	67	84
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	76	68	71	79
Receiving supplemental feed	48	38	32	34
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	73	69	72	83
Receiving supplemental feed	56	48	43	39

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.....	4.2	3.4	2.4	3.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	15	--	7
Short.....	46	39	9	21
Adequate.....	39	46	73	63
Surplus.....	--	--	18	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	--	11
Short.....	50	44	16	28
Adequate.....	36	42	69	54
Surplus.....	--	--	15	7

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	21	22	11	16
Poor.....	26	21	7	19
Fair.....	37	33	21	31
Good.....	16	24	40	27
Excellent.....	--	--	21	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	5	4	15	5
Fair.....	15	12	30	29
Good.....	70	69	35	47
Excellent.....	7	12	20	18

NA – not available

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