

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures and windy conditions were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in Phillips and Valley Counties noted snow cover continues to provide good insulation to the ground below for winter crops. Reporters also noted the ongoing grasshopper infestation continues to effect the growing conditions and could carry into the 2021 crop season. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 46 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 42 percent in the previous week. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 40 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 35 percent in the previous week. Corn for grain harvest progressed well last week, with an estimated 90 percent of the crop harvested. Emergence of the 2021 winter wheat crop is almost complete, with an estimated 96 percent of the crop emerged, ahead of the previous year at 81 percent and the 5-year average of 92 percent. An estimated 88 percent of both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs have been moved from pasture. An estimated 62 percent of cattle and calves and 78 percent of sheep and lambs are receiving supplemental feed.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2020. Next year's Montana weekly report will begin in April 2021.

Monthly reports will be released for December in early January 2021; for January in late January 2021; for February in late February 2021; and for March in late March 2021.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2020 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	90	77	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	96	94	81	92
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	88	81	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	62	65	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	88	82	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	78	71	NA	NA

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.....	4.7	2.9	NA	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	11	NA	NA
Short.....	36	47	NA	NA
Adequate.....	46	42	NA	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	16	NA	NA
Short.....	40	49	NA	NA
Adequate.....	40	35	NA	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	NA	NA

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.....	24	22	NA	NA
Poor.....	25	20	NA	NA
Fair.....	33	33	NA	NA
Good.....	18	24	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	16	9	NA	NA
Good.....	60	74	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	11	NA	NA

NA – not available

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