

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week brought scattered storms and much needed moisture to Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Much of the State received a quarter inch or more of rainfall; however, totals varied. Isolated areas received over 3 inches while other areas received less than a tenth of an inch of rainfall. Ravalli and Powder River Counties reported damaging hailstorms. Blaine County received much needed moisture this week, as did Glacier County. Moisture in Valley County was accompanied by high winds with reports of crop damage. The moisture received is beginning to improve drought conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 16, 2022, 84.3 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, compared to 94.5 percent last week. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 37.2 percent and moderate drought decreased to 24.0 percent. Severe and extreme drought conditions decreased to cover 9.0 percent and 10.0 percent of the State, respectively. Exceptional drought conditions remained unchanged at 4.1 percent of the State. Broadwater County reported rain showers have improved grass availability in the valley. Producers in the county are ready to begin cutting grass hay; however, alfalfa is behind due to cool temperatures. Crop and grass conditions in Wibaux County continue to improve as more moisture is received, however, high winds are still an issue. Sweet Grass County reported flooding, and potential damage to crops is unknown. Roosevelt and Richland Counties have reported grasshopper damage to crops. Richland County also reported flea beetles present in canola and wheat streak mosaic in the spring wheat crop. Emergence of spring crops is progressing and blooming for some crops is now underway.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	6	1	16	NA
Barley				
Emerged	98	97	98	95
Booted	35	20	33	33
Headed	5	NA	7	4
Canola				
Planted	99	95	95	92
Emerged	85	77	68	71
Blooming	4	--	16	NA
Corn				
Planted	95	80	92	NA
Emerged	75	65	71	80
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted	99	90	NA	NA
Emerged	81	73	77	74
Blooming	5	--	10	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	15	1	21	21
Durum wheat				
Emerged	97	86	79	79
Booted	10	2	14	10
Flaxseed				
Planted	90	85	94	NA
Emerged	55	50	80	74
Lentils				
Emerged	96	90	90	89
Blooming	30	15	19	14
Mustard seed				
Emerged	85	80	81	78
Blooming	20	5	18	NA
Oats				
Emerged	90	80	95	87
Booted	30	16	18	15
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	10	2	10	NA
Safflower				
Emerged	40	35	49	45
Spring wheat				
Emerged	98	95	99	94
Booted	46	17	30	28
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	80	57	94	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted	82	75	79	NA
Headed	40	14	46	50

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	4.5	5.0	6.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	19	16	22	11
Short	30	39	35	25
Adequate	50	44	43	61
Surplus	1	1	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	43	51	23	9
Short	27	28	31	27
Adequate	29	20	46	62
Surplus	1	1	--	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	10	14	4	2
Poor	30	34	14	7
Fair	38	40	31	24
Good	20	12	40	50
Excellent	2	--	11	17
Canola				
Very poor	2	10	--	--
Poor	11	16	1	4
Fair	52	48	24	27
Good	35	26	55	52
Excellent	--	--	20	17
Corn				
Very poor	1	NA	1	1
Poor	20	NA	14	5
Fair	70	NA	65	35
Good	9	NA	19	51
Excellent	--	NA	1	8
Dry edible peas				
Very poor	6	9	3	3
Poor	13	20	15	8
Fair	50	49	27	35
Good	31	22	54	49
Excellent	--	--	1	5
Durum wheat				
Very poor	1	1	--	--
Poor	2	3	4	7
Fair	14	20	15	50
Good	83	76	77	37
Excellent	--	--	4	6
Lentils				
Very poor	4	4	2	1
Poor	5	9	14	8
Fair	49	47	27	41
Good	42	40	56	46
Excellent	--	--	1	4
Pasture and range				
Very poor	22	24	26	8
Poor	21	28	28	14
Fair	25	25	30	24
Good	29	20	16	41
Excellent	3	3	--	13
Spring wheat				
Very poor	5	9	4	3
Poor	16	21	14	11
Fair	54	55	39	29
Good	24	15	40	50
Excellent	1	--	3	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	5	NA	--	1
Poor	10	NA	1	4
Fair	80	NA	43	31
Good	5	NA	56	54
Excellent	--	NA	--	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	14	4	2
Poor	35	28	20	9
Fair	38	42	33	26
Good	15	16	34	35
Excellent	2	--	9	28

¹Current conditions for Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, and Oats are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

NA – not available
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