

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The week was marked by lower temperatures and varied precipitation according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were below normal for all of Montana according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Temperatures were, on average, as many as 10 degrees below normal in parts of the southwest. Precipitation varied. Much of the eastern and southern portions of the State received above normal amounts of moisture. Farmers had to delay cutting hay and other field activities in some counties due to the rain. Moisture levels were at or below normal in most of the north and west. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor report released June 22, 2023, the amount of land rated drought free increased slightly to 70.3 percent, compared with 68.4 percent last week. Abnormal dryness was found in 12.8 percent of the State, down 1.4 percentage points. Moderate drought stood at 13.4 percent, compared with 13.9 percent on the previous report. Severe drought conditions were again unchanged at 3.5 percent. Grasshoppers, alfalfa weevils, blister beetles and other pests remained a concern in some fields.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	16	2	14	22
Barley				
Emerged .....	95	90	98	98
Booted .....	38	24	48	49
Headed .....	12	3	14	16
Canola				
Planted .....	93	83	NA	NA
Emerged .....	77	74	97	85
Blooming .....	31	4	18	20
Corn				
Planted .....	95	91	NA	NA
Emerged .....	89	83	88	NA
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Emerged .....	96	89	93	86
Blooming .....	15	1	13	NA
Dry edible peas				
Emerged .....	95	94	NA	NA
Blooming .....	48	23	36	32
Durum wheat				
Emerged .....	98	94	NA	NA
Booted .....	7	5	27	25
Flaxseed				
Planted .....	97	91	94	NA
Emerged .....	87	75	59	77
Blooming .....	4	--	3	12
Lentils				
Planted .....	97	94	NA	NA
Emerged .....	92	91	NA	NA
Blooming .....	20	2	47	28
Mustard seed				
Emerged .....	97	90	94	92
Blooming .....	39	23	37	26
Oats				
Emerged .....	95	89	97	NA
Booted .....	13	1	47	32
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	16	2	14	22
Safflower				
Planted .....	89	79	NA	NA
Emerged .....	75	46	61	59
Blooming .....	8	3	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted .....	62	39	69	51
Headed .....	28	2	2	14
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	73	44	NA	NA
Emerged .....	59	30	96	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted .....	93	87	97	93
Headed .....	72	52	53	61
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture .....	95	92	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	1	3	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture .....	95	91	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	--	1	NA	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work .....	5.3	6.4	5.8	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	5	24	14
Short .....	15	18	35	24
Adequate .....	81	72	41	56
Surplus .....	3	5	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	8	42	17
Short .....	18	19	30	25
Adequate .....	75	66	28	55
Surplus .....	6	7	--	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing accessibility				
Open .....	99	94	NA	NA
Difficult .....	1	6	NA	NA
Closed .....	--	--	NA	NA
Barely				
Very poor .....	--	1	15	5
Poor .....	6	10	25	11
Fair .....	68	59	32	26
Good .....	24	28	27	44
Excellent .....	2	2	1	14
Canola				
Very poor .....	4	7	10	2
Poor .....	4	7	4	3
Fair .....	28	19	48	26
Good .....	58	67	38	53
Excellent .....	6	--	--	16
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	1	1	1
Poor .....	9	15	12	8
Fair .....	32	33	61	35
Good .....	57	49	25	48
Excellent .....	2	2	1	8
Dry edible peas				
Very poor .....	1	1	12	4
Poor .....	3	3	14	10
Fair .....	51	60	41	34
Good .....	45	36	33	47
Excellent .....	--	--	--	5
Durum Wheat				
Very poor .....	1	2	1	--
Poor .....	4	10	4	5
Fair .....	58	60	21	46
Good .....	37	28	74	46
Excellent .....	--	--	--	3
Lentils				
Very poor .....	--	1	9	2
Poor .....	3	2	10	6
Fair .....	50	59	45	42
Good .....	47	38	36	46
Excellent .....	--	--	--	4
Mustard seed				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor .....	1	1	1	6
Fair .....	68	77	86	42
Good .....	31	22	10	48
Excellent .....	--	--	--	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	1	2	21	13
Poor .....	4	7	17	14
Fair .....	35	44	23	22
Good .....	46	38	38	37
Excellent .....	14	9	1	14
Spring wheat				
Very poor .....	--	1	10	4
Poor .....	2	7	15	11
Fair .....	49	52	47	32
Good .....	48	39	27	48
Excellent .....	1	1	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	--	1	19	6
Poor .....	2	7	29	13
Fair .....	59	56	30	22
Good .....	30	35	18	32
Excellent .....	9	1	4	27

<sup>1</sup>Current conditions for Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, and Oats are available using the QuickStats on-line database at:

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick\\_Stats/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/)

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