



Montana Crop Progress



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Livestock Report

Pasture conditions declined slightly during Montana's first week of hot, dry weather this season. Range and pasture conditions were below last year and the 5 year average with 55 percent rated good to excellent compared to 57 percent and 59 percent, respectively.

Range and Livestock Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Range and Pasture Feed Condition				
Very Poor	3	3	4	6
Poor	12	12	9	12
Fair	30	29	30	23
Good	40	41	46	38
Excellent	15	15	11	21

Soil Report

Topsoil moisture rated adequate and surplus is 73 percent compared with 67 percent last year and the 5 year average of 68 percent. Subsoil moisture was rated 73 percent adequate and surplus compared to 66 percent last year and the 5 year average of 69 percent.

Soil Moisture and Field Work Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Topsoil Moisture				
Very Short	4	3	6	8
Short	23	18	27	26
Adequate	64	68	61	58
Surplus	9	11	6	8
Subsoil Moisture				
Very Short	4	4	7	8
Short	23	20	27	23
Adequate	66	67	63	60
Surplus	7	9	3	9
Days Suitable for Field Work				
Days	6.4	4.5	6.3	6.2

Field Crops Report

Days suitable for field work were 6.4 days compared to 6.3 days last year as dry, sunny conditions prevailed. Winter wheat condition improved slightly from last week with 64 percent good to excellent but is still behind last year's 69 percent. Crop development progressed well during the week due to warm summer days. Haying was also aided by the dry conditions and is well ahead of the 5 year average for the first cuttings of both alfalfa and other hay.

Crop Progress and Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Emerged				
Dry Beans	95	80	100	98
Flaxseed	99	94	100	100
Oats	96	93	100	100
Potatoes	99	90	100	97
Blooming				
Canola	77	52	97	80
Dry Peas	79	60	80	70
Flaxseed	27	21	56	54
Lentils	45	36	64	54
Boot Stage				
Barley	94	75	92	76
Oats	72	49	83	74
Durum Wheat	50	25	47	51
Spring Wheat	89	69	78	68
Winter Wheat	94	89	100	98
Headed				
Barley	65	15	62	41
Oats	20	na	34	30
Spring Wheat	44	26	31	28
Winter Wheat	89	77	96	90
Turning				
Canola	24	na	3	4
Winter Wheat	13	1	21	16
Harvested				
Alfalfa-1 st Cutting	60	28	60	53
Other Hay-1 st Cutting	55	23	48	46
Barley				
Very Poor	0	0	1	2
Poor	4	4	4	6
Fair	43	44	36	29
Good	41	40	43	47
Excellent	12	12	16	16
Dry Peas				
Very Poor	1	1	2	1
Poor	2	2	3	3
Fair	32	33	31	25
Good	56	56	60	57
Excellent	9	8	4	14
Oats				
Very Poor	0	0	1	1
Poor	1	0	6	5
Fair	41	40	37	29
Good	51	53	50	56
Excellent	7	7	6	9
Durum Wheat				
Very Poor	1	1	4	2
Poor	3	4	5	3
Fair	26	25	23	21
Good	69	69	52	57
Excellent	1	1	16	17
Spring Wheat				
Very Poor	1	1	1	2
Poor	3	3	4	6
Fair	36	38	30	30
Good	52	50	58	52
Excellent	8	8	7	10
Winter Wheat				
Very Poor	2	2	2	2
Poor	6	6	6	8
Fair	28	29	23	23
Good	50	49	45	47
Excellent	14	14	24	20

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