



# Montana Crop Progress



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## Livestock Report

Montana's pasture and range conditions continue to look good for our first fall report. Range and pasture conditions are well above both last year and the 5-year average with 53 percent reported as good to excellent, compared with 41 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Producers were moving livestock off summer ranges below the average pace, with 22 percent of cattle and 31 percent of sheep moved.

Range and Livestock Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
<b>Range and Pasture Feed Condition</b>				
Very Poor	3	3	5	14
Poor	13	13	17	20
Fair	31	32	37	33
Good	39	38	37	27
Excellent	14	14	4	6
<b>Livestock Moved from Summer Ranges</b>				
Cattle & Calves	22	17	22	28
Sheep & Lambs	31	23	32	33

## Soil Report

Topsoil moisture rated adequate and surplus was 87 percent, compared with 73 percent last year and the 5-year average of 44 percent. Subsoil moisture was rated 86 percent adequate and surplus, compared with 62 percent last year and the 5-year average of 46 percent.

Soil Moisture and Field Work Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>				
Very Short	1	2	5	24
Short	12	11	22	32
Adequate	74	72	69	39
Surplus	13	15	4	5
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>				
Very Short	2	3	9	20
Short	12	12	29	34
Adequate	76	73	61	44
Surplus	10	12	1	2
<b>Days Suitable for Field Work</b>				
Days	6.2	3.7	5.5	5.7

## Field Crops Report

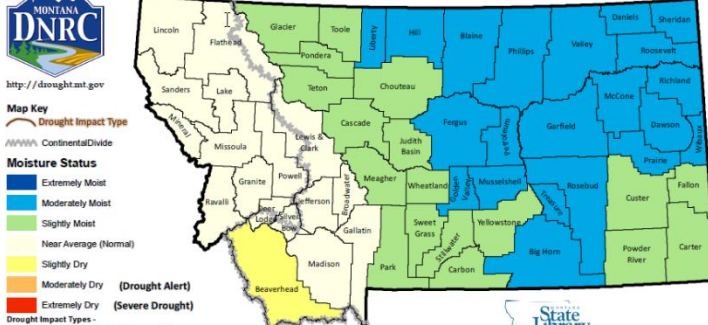
Warm, dry days allowed producers to make up for lost harvest time, and winter wheat seeding is now well underway. Harvest of corn for grain has begun with 1 percent combined, on pace with the 5-year average.

Crop Progress and Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
<b>Turning</b>				
Flaxseed	95	93	100	100
<b>Harvested</b>				
Barley	95	93	100	88
Canola	87	71	84	90
Corn for Grain	1	0	1	1
Corn for Silage	47	29	44	38
Dry Beans	65	44	81	66
Flaxseed	68	15	82	90
Alfalfa-2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	93	91	92	95
Other Hay-2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	79	75	87	86
Lentils	91	86	84	95
Oats	94	89	94	93
Potatoes	12	2	16	18
Sugar Beets	3	2	2	4
Durum Wheat	57	38	43	70
Spring Wheat	81	73	87	85
<b>Planted</b>				
Winter Wheat	45	23	45	36
<b>Emerged</b>				
Winter Wheat	2	na	8	3
<b>Corn</b>				
Very Poor	0	0	3	2
Poor	3	3	5	5
Fair	32	30	36	31
Good	50	51	35	45
Excellent	15	16	21	17
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Very Poor	0	0	13	na
Poor	0	0	11	na
Fair	4	5	23	na
Good	74	73	27	na
Excellent	22	22	26	na
<b>Sugar beets</b>				
Very Poor	1	1	0	2
Poor	1	1	9	7
Fair	15	15	32	29
Good	44	43	43	44
Excellent	39	40	16	18
<b>Durum Wheat</b>				
Very Poor	8	8	22	na
Poor	12	14	30	na
Fair	36	33	28	na
Good	43	44	19	na
Excellent	1	1	1	na

na - Not Available



Montana Water Supply and Moisture Status by County - September 2014



Drought Alert - Governor's Drought Advisory Committee strongly encourages local officials to convene local drought committees.

Severe Drought - Local officials should have local drought planning efforts underway or should reconvene the local drought committee at the earliest opportunity. For recommended responses, see the Montana Drought Plan.

