



# Montana Crop Progress



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## Livestock Report

Montana's pasture and range are doing well with mild lows and decent precipitation. Range and pasture conditions are above both last year and the 5 year average with 54 percent good to excellent compared to 49 percent and 32 percent respectively. Producers are moving livestock off summer ranges below the 5 year average with 31 percent of cattle and 42 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	15
Poor	12	13	13	21
Fair	31	31	33	32
Good	40	39	43	27
Excellent	14	14	6	5
<b>Livestock Moved from Summer Ranges</b>				
Cattle & Calves	31	22	31	37
Sheep & Lambs	42	31	46	43

## Soil Report

Topsoil moisture rated adequate and surplus is 85 percent compared with 72 percent last year and the 5 year average of 43 percent. Subsoil moisture was rated 84 percent adequate and surplus compared to 64 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	2	1	6	27
Short	13	12	22	30
Adequate	75	74	69	40
Surplus	10	13	3	3
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>				
Very Short	2	2	7	22
Short	14	12	29	32
Adequate	76	76	62	44
Surplus	8	10	2	2
<b>Days Suitable for Field Work</b>				
Days	6.0	6.2	5.1	5.8

## Field Crops Report

Days suitable for field work were 6.0 days which aided producers in wrapping up harvest of lentils and oats. Winter wheat seeding also benefited from the mostly dry week but emergence is behind both last year and the 5 year average. Potato harvest is underway in the major growing areas of the state and is ahead of last year.

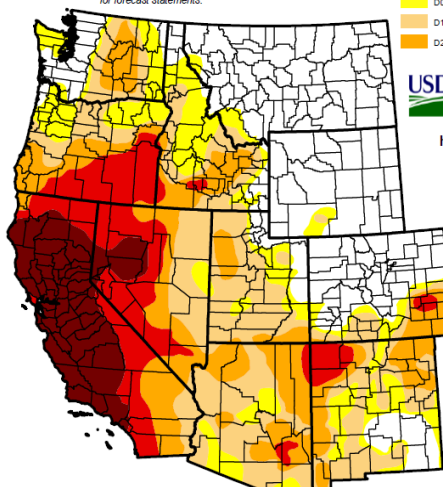
Crop Progress and Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
<b>Harvested</b>				
Canola	90	87	96	96
Corn for Grain	4	1	2	3
Corn for Silage	77	47	56	56
Dry Beans	81	65	88	77
Flaxseed	89	68	85	92
Alfalfa-2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	95	93	93	97
Other Hay-2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	88	79	90	91
Lentils	98	91	86	96
Oats	96	94	95	95
Potatoes	31	12	30	29
Sugar Beets	3	3	4	7
Durum Wheat	76	57	56	78
Spring Wheat	92	81	91	89
<b>Planted</b>				
Winter Wheat	72	45	68	56
<b>Emerged</b>				
Winter Wheat	6	2	20	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Very Poor	1	0	3	2
Poor	2	3	5	5
Fair	32	32	34	29
Good	51	50	37	47
Excellent	14	15	21	17
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Very Poor	0	0	11	na
Poor	0	0	8	na
Fair	5	4	29	na
Good	73	74	28	na
Excellent	22	22	24	na
<b>Sugar beets</b>				
Very Poor	1	1	0	2
Poor	1	1	9	7
Fair	14	15	33	27
Good	42	44	42	45
Excellent	42	39	16	19

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**U.S. Drought Monitor West** September 23, 2014  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 25, 2014)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

Intensity:  
 D0 Abnormally Dry  
 D1 Moderate Drought  
 D2 Severe Drought  
 D3 Extreme Drought  
 D4 Exceptional Drought



USDA National Drought Impact Center  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

### Weather Information for the Week ending 09/28/14

Station ID						Precipitation							
	Temperature			GDDs		This Week		April 1 to Date			October 1 to Date		
	Hi	LOW	AVG	B50	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN	%NRM	Total	DFN	%NRM
<b>NORTHWEST</b>													
Alberton	93	43	64	101	+75	0.17	-0.04	6.78	-1.25	84	18.26	+4.50	133
Corvallis	93	44	62	84	+55	0.10	-0.11	4.95	-2.43	67	11.03	-0.60	95
Creston	87	40	58	60	+44	0.06	-0.29	11.57	-0.31	97	19.37	-0.71	96
Deer Lodge	88	40	59	65	+50	0.45	+0.24	8.68	+0.57	107	11.25	+0.71	107
Hamilton	94	39	63	90	+65	0.14	-0.07	4.89	-2.68	65	15.12	+1.76	113
Heron	80	37	60	73	+50	0.19	-0.23	12.27	+0.19	102	34.18	+0.52	102
Kalispell	89	38	61	79	+63	0.06	-0.22	10.02	+0.68	107	19.37	+2.24	113
Libby	83	42	61	77	+71	0.14	-0.21	9.34	-0.20	98	24.06	-0.19	99
Missoula	92	46	65	109	+83	0.05	-0.16	5.18	-2.85	65	12.20	-1.56	89
Olney	83	31	55	44	+35	0.25	-0.03	11.22	+0.43	104	22.00	-0.59	97
Polson	89	42	63	93	+58	0.08	-0.20	8.56	-1.08	89	15.71	-0.36	98
Saint Ignatius	93	44	62	87	+54	0.04	-0.24	6.92	-3.26	68	14.55	-1.83	89
Seeley Lake	90	38	62	83	+66	0.38	+0.10	11.34	+2.29	125	24.53	+3.95	119
Superior	89	39	62	87	+49	0.05	-0.16	6.52	-1.69	79	18.03	+1.51	109
Thompson Falls	88	42	64	99	+54	0.40	+0.12	9.13	-0.38	96	23.24	+0.25	101
Yaak	84	34	59	64	+39	0.15	-0.34	8.59	-4.06	68	21.25	-13.71	61
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Brady	91	40	65	109	+75	0.14	-0.08	9.90	+0.61	107	14.20	+2.05	117
Bynum	88	42	63	99	+78	0.17	-0.04	12.23	+1.59	115	17.07	+3.14	123
Chester	90	41	63	91	+64	0.20	+0.04	10.04	+1.88	123	14.41	+3.87	137
Chinook	91	38	62	88	+62	0.06	-0.24	13.14	+3.22	132	15.30	+2.32	118
Choteau	88	40	62	87	+53	0.27	+0.06	9.88	+1.37	116	12.88	+2.60	125
Cut Bank	90	40	62	88	+66	0.01	-0.20	11.74	+1.72	117	14.29	+1.83	115
Dunkirk	90	42	62	86	+62	0.00	-0.28	7.32	-3.17	70	9.62	-3.99	71
Fort Assinniboine	92	42	64	103	+69	0.00	-0.28	9.79	+0.08	101	12.66	-0.28	98
Fort Benton	94	39	64	103	+60	0.68	+0.42	10.90	+0.92	109	15.22	+1.59	112
Fort Belknap	91	39	62	92	+62	0.75	+0.47	17.83	+8.86	199	20.28	+8.96	179
Goldbutte	87	40	61	82	+58	0.00	-0.28	13.69	+3.20	131	17.79	+4.18	131
Havre	93	40	64	101	+71	0.00	-0.21	8.19	-0.10	99	12.00	+0.60	105
Heart Butte	87	42	61	78	+66	0.11	-0.31	19.64	+6.96	155	29.54	+1.38	105
Loma	97	38	64	101	+66	0.31	+0.09	10.02	+0.47	105	12.97	+1.10	109
Port of Morgan	85	38	62	89	+58	0.54	+0.32	14.41	+5.67	165	16.51	+6.06	158
Malta	90	44	64	101	+74	0.76	+0.48	13.16	+3.30	133	15.43	+2.62	120
Rudyard	93	40	64	97	+67	0.01	-0.15	7.94	-0.05	99	12.11	+2.29	123
Saco	88	39	62	89	+64	0.65	+0.40	16.97	+8.21	194	19.69	+8.04	169
Shelby	93	38	63	93	+69	0.00	-0.21	8.86	-0.21	98	12.70	+0.69	106
Turner	91	40	63	94	+66	0.15	-0.12	15.02	+6.08	168	17.21	+6.02	154
Zortman	87	41	62	92	+57	0.88	+0.61	16.48	+5.65	152	21.99	+7.87	156
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Bredette	95	39	64	103	+72	0.35	+0.07	12.39	+1.90	118	14.28	+1.38	111
Brockway	93	37	64	99	+66	0.00	-0.28	16.61	+7.32	179	17.61	+6.17	154
Circle	94	46	67	120	+83	0.00	-0.28	17.09	+7.11	171	20.29	+7.09	154
Culbertson	97	39	68	126	+92	0.03	-0.32	10.42	-0.39	96	12.16	-1.33	90
Glasgow	90	45	65	110	+78	0.06	-0.15	11.56	+2.94	134	14.39	+3.22	129
Glendive	96	41	69	133	+91	0.00	-0.30	16.00	+5.66	155	19.84	+6.30	147
Jordan	91	43	64	97	+64	0.06	-0.22	11.24	+1.73	118	15.01	+2.19	117
Nashua	94	38	64	103	+55	0.08	-0.17	13.96	+4.59	149	16.11	+4.46	138
Plentywood	96	35	65	104	+78	0.25	-0.03	15.92	+5.61	154	18.59	+5.52	142
Saint Marie	87	41	64	105	+73	0.04	-0.17	12.09	+3.47	140	13.75	+2.58	123
Savage	94	43	67	122	+79	0.04	-0.29	12.43	+1.62	115	15.64	+1.76	113
Scobey	92	33	64	102	+82	0.17	+0.02	13.05	+2.87	128	14.12	+1.68	114
Sidney	95	41	67	123	+81	0.05	-0.30	14.22	+3.48	132	17.51	+3.30	123
Wolf Point	96	40	66	116	+78	0.03	-0.25	12.19	+2.93	132	13.17	+1.27	111
<b>CENTRAL</b>													
Denton	92	40	62	89	+71	1.45	+1.14	11.29	-0.31	97	15.76	+0.72	105
Grass Range	89	43	62	90	+61	0.19	-0.09	18.49	+6.32	152	23.55	+7.12	143
Great Falls	91	46	65	106	+79	0.34	+0.07	13.38	+2.94	128	19.20	+4.37	129
Harlowton	84	41	59	69	+42	1.17	+0.96	13.07	+2.40	122	19.24	+5.22	137
Helena	91	48	65	108	+79	0.87	+0.66	6.59	-1.54	81	10.83	-0.43	96
Holter Dam	90	46	64	101	+54	0.71	+0.43	9.82	+0.38	104	14.35	+2.21	118
Judith Gap	86	42	61	81	+64	0.89	+0.64	14.48	+3.07	127	20.72	+5.48	136
Lewistown	90	44	63	95	+71	1.09	+0.81	13.75	+1.23	110	19.16	+1.39	108
Melstone	92	46	66	112	+66	0.28	-0.07	10.09	-0.73	93	14.55	+0.01	100
Millegan	90	42	62	90	+77	0.77	+0.35	14.40	+1.93	115	21.78	+3.49	119
Neihart	86	43	60	78	+55	0.70	+0.28	13.43	-1.50	90	22.46	+1.16	105
Roundup	93	45	66	110	+68	0.14	-0.14	14.71	+4.80	148	20.16	+6.99	153
Ryegate	89	45	63	95	+64	0.62	+0.41	14.10	+5.05	156	20.51	+8.33	168
Stanford	89	42	63	99	+67	1.69	+1.39	14.67	+2.06	116	22.65	+5.60	133
Townsend	92	44	64	96	+65	0.70	+0.49	7.91	-0.23	97	10.76	+0.15	101
Valentine	90	38	62	89	+65	0.15	-0.06	13.69	+3.65	136	17.36	+3.92	129
White Sulphur Springs	86	42	61	79	+58	1.05	+0.77	11.09	+1.54	116	13.93	+0.79	106
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boulder	86	36	60	73	+54	0.55	+0.34	7.86	-0.77	91	11.39	-0.06	99
Bozeman	91	42	64	104	+73	0.69	+0.27	12.56	-0.17	99	21.27	+2.10	111
Butte	85	38	59	64	+52	0.74	+0.53	10.18	+1.21	113	13.82	+1.10	109
Dillon	86	46	62	84	+62	0.63	+0.42	8.30	+0.64	108	9.35	-0.53	95
Divide	88	31	60	72	+63	0.81	+0.58	9.46	+0.69	108	13.16	+0.94	108
Ennis	87	43	62	85	+62	1.30	+1.02	9.81	+0.19	102	13.18	-0.33	98
Logan	92	42	58	58	+37	0.61	+0.28	12.85	+2.87	129	16.69	+2.06	114
Twin Bridges	86	45	62	85	+66	0.79	+0.58	8.75	+0.98	113	10.31	+0.46	105
West Yellowstone	80	29	55	37	+37	1.39	+1.05	12.76	+2.26	122	26.52	+4.86	122
Wisdom	88	32	56	48	+48	0.39	+0.18	8.06	+0.27	103	13.14	+1.30	111
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Big Timber	89	44	63	94	+64	0.76	+0.42	10.87	-0.28	97	19.01	+3.00	119
Billings	92	45	69	135	+92	0.08	-0.27	7.99	-1.49	84	17.46	+2.79	119
Busby	92	42	66	110	+77	0.01	-0.34	11.42	+1.99	121	19.78	+5.35	137
Gardiner	86	43	62	88	+51	1.18	+0.97	9.02	+2.39	136	12.97	+3.17	132
Hardin	93	41	66	111	+58	0.00	-0.35	11.75	+3.77	147	19.89	+7.92	166
Huntley	92	44	65	105	+71	0.02	-0.33	9.38	-0.32	97	18.16	+4.09	129
Hysham	89	45	64	103	+59	0.00	-0.35	12.17	+2.70	129	20.30	+6.92	152
Joliet	91	38	64	98	+67	0.15	-0.20	11.84	+1.70	117	20.00	+4.33	128
Livingston	91	45	64	99	+69	0.83	+0.48	10.51	-0.67	94	16.70	+1.05	107
Melville	83	45	62	90	+75	0.86	+0.58	14.28	+1.49	112	24.67	+7.13	141
Pompey's Pillar	91	41	62	87	+47	0.03	-0.32	8.23	-1.42	85	14.90	+0.85	106
Rapelje	90	44	63	100	+65	0.27	-0.08	11.49	+0.96	109	17.42	+2.21	115
Red Lodge	88	45	65	105	+82	0.39	-0.17	11.69	-2.75	81	22.36	-1.27	95
Wilsall	90	46	63	96	+79	0.75	+0.33	13.10	-1.07	92	23.12	+2.82	114
Yellowtail	93	48	69	135	+68	0.00	-0.48	12.00	+0.54	105	19.66	+1.52	108
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Baker	94	46	68	127	+90	0.01	-0.30	12.33	+1.74	116	16.34	+1.73	112
Biddle	94	44	69	132	+95	0.03	-0.32	9.64	-0.90	91	15.58	+0.96	107
Brandenberg	96	41	66	111	+66	0.00	-0.29	10.97	+1.30	113	18.02	+3.76	126
Broadus	96	45	70	144	+102	0.02	-0.26	8.91	-0.50	95	15.01	+1.50	111
Colstrip	90	47	67	121	+79	0.00	-0.35	12.36	+2.26	122	20.04	+5.58	139
Ekalaka	90	48	68	131	+94	0.00	-0.36	12.43	+0.16	101	20.55	+3.42	120
Forsyth	90	47	65	106	+57	0.00	-0.35	12.41	+2.54	126	19.59	+5.61	140
Miles City	97	50</											