

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had another week of mostly hot and dry conditions with occasional thunderstorms with some reports of hail across the State. The warm, dry weather was beneficial for producers already cutting hay a full two weeks ahead of normal in some areas. Several locations reported spotty, heavy hail damage to small grain crops but others said that despite hail and diseases the small grain crops have good yield potential if they receive a little more rain. Areas that weren't already drought impacted have begun to note that plants are drying out fast under hot, sunny, and windy conditions. However, with 6.3 days suitable for field work this week crops developed rapidly and winter wheat is turning ahead of normal. Pasture and range conditions are holding mostly steady but some parts of the State are still in better shape than others, and reporters across the state have said the native grasses are getting very dry.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting.....	22	4	11	8
Barley				
Boot stage.....	85	65	33	36
Headed.....	40	3	--	4
Camelina				
Emerged.....	92	80	47	83
Blooming.....	35	31	NA	NA
Canola				
Blooming.....	68	43	20	21
Dry beans				
Emerged.....	87	77	79	79
Dry peas				
Blooming.....	53	16	41	28
Durum wheat				
Boot stage.....	34	18	2	10
Flaxseed				
Blooming.....	42	8	4	11
Lentils				
Emerged.....	99	89	95	97
Blooming.....	40	24	19	14
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	87	86	86	93
Blooming.....	68	42	27	20
Oats				
Boot stage.....	70	41	36	29
Headed.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
First cutting.....	19	3	10	7
Potatoes				
Emerged.....	87	69	78	74
Safflower				
Emerged.....	85	64	78	76
Blooming.....	14	4	3	4
Spring wheat				
Boot stage.....	67	42	31	24
Headed.....	10	NA	--	2
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	98	95	75	80
Headed.....	93	63	46	42
Turning.....	7	NA	NA	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.3	6.2	3.7	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	6	3	3
Short.....	33	29	19	10
Adequate.....	53	57	68	63
Surplus.....	8	8	10	24
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	6	4	4
Short.....	27	23	21	13
Adequate.....	57	60	68	65
Surplus.....	10	11	7	18

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	6	4	4	4
Fair.....	32	33	45	30
Good.....	43	43	40	49
Excellent.....	18	19	11	16
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	1	2
Poor.....	5	5	3	3
Fair.....	44	44	25	19
Good.....	44	44	70	65
Excellent.....	2	2	1	11
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	31	31	39	32
Good.....	56	56	53	54
Excellent.....	10	10	7	9
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	3	3
Poor.....	16	16	12	10
Fair.....	41	41	31	25
Good.....	32	32	41	42
Excellent.....	7	7	13	20
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	1
Poor.....	4	4	3	4
Fair.....	34	33	38	31
Good.....	51	51	51	54
Excellent.....	9	9	7	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	1
Poor.....	7	7	7	7
Fair.....	33	34	29	26
Good.....	38	37	51	47
Excellent.....	20	20	11	19

NA – not available

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Montana's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/MT_Weather_06212015.pdf