

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week in Montana brought thunderstorms, high winds, daytime temperatures nearing 100 degrees and freezing lows in some locations, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures for the week ranged from the upper 60s to the upper 90s and low temperatures ranged from the upper 20s to the lower 50s. All reporting stations had measurable precipitation this week with the highest amount recorded coming from Saco at 2.10 inches of moisture. Warm weather and moisture allowed for good crop development across the state with most crops developing ahead of the five year average. Pulse crops and oilseeds have all begun blooming and dry peas are 65 percent in bloom which is well ahead of last year's 42 percent and the five year average of 28 percent. Potatoes are emerging slightly ahead of the five year average with 83 percent emerged but sugar beets are emerging slightly behind the five year average with 95 percent emerged. Winter wheat has begun to turn in some areas and is 13 percent turned compared with 5 percent turned last year at this time. Winter wheat condition is rated 64 percent good to excellent which is ahead of last year's 58 percent and right at the five year average of 64 percent though there are reports of hail damage coming from around the state and some producers are haying their winter wheat crop. Pasture and range conditions continued to decline slightly from the previous week with 46 percent rated good to excellent which was still higher than last year's 39 percent but below the five year average of 54 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting.....	40	14	17	9
Barley				
Boot stage.....	65	30	79	38
Headed.....	12	NA	29	9
Camelina				
Emerged.....	82	72	89	78
Blooming.....	16	1	34	NA
Canola				
Emerged.....	95	88	99	95
Blooming.....	26	9	61	29
Corn				
Emerged.....	95	87	99	92
Dry edible beans				
Emerged.....	90	88	84	73
Dry edible peas				
Blooming.....	65	19	42	28
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	95	91	99	86
Boot stage.....	22	6	29	12
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	92	76	99	95
Blooming.....	7	--	32	10
Lentils				
Blooming.....	58	19	35	17
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	93	88	87	89
Blooming.....	65	37	61	22
Oats				
Boot stage.....	67	24	62	34
Headed.....	9	NA	4	NA
Other hay				
First cutting.....	41	16	14	9
Potatoes				
Emerged.....	83	54	82	70
Safflower				
Planted.....	95	82	99	92
Emerged.....	72	58	79	76
Blooming.....	31	1	11	5
Spring wheat				
Boot stage.....	62	32	60	28
Headed.....	6	NA	7	3
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	95	84	100	98
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	90	66	84	47
Turning.....	13	2	5	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.8	5.8	6.3	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	6	5
Short.....	20	18	33	16
Adequate.....	64	68	53	59
Surplus.....	8	6	8	20
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	8	6	5
Short.....	25	25	27	17
Adequate.....	62	63	57	61
Surplus.....	4	4	10	17

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	6	5
Fair.....	29	30	32	33
Good.....	42	42	43	46
Excellent.....	28	27	18	15
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	5	3
Poor.....	3	3	5	4
Fair.....	46	40	44	27
Good.....	43	48	44	61
Excellent.....	6	7	2	5
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	2	2	2	5
Fair.....	27	29	31	36
Good.....	65	62	56	49
Excellent.....	6	7	10	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	3
Poor.....	14	11	16	12
Fair.....	36	39	41	31
Good.....	39	38	32	37
Excellent.....	7	8	7	17
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	2	2	4	5
Fair.....	25	24	34	34
Good.....	52	54	51	51
Excellent.....	20	19	9	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	6	6	7	8
Fair.....	28	28	33	26
Good.....	39	40	38	44
Excellent.....	25	24	20	20

¹Current conditions for Camelina, Canola, Corn, Dry Edible Beans, Dry Peas, Flaxseed, Lentils, Mustard Seed, Potatoes, Safflower, and Sugarbeets are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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/2016/MT_Weather_06192016.pdf