

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation totals varied drastically across the State during the week, with just a trace accumulating in western locations, while over an inch fell in many southcentral and southeastern areas, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Daytime high temperatures for the week ranged from the mid 80s to 100 degrees in Jordan and Mizpah. Overnight lows ranged from the mid 20s to the upper 40s. Hail storms continued periodically in portions of the northeast, causing additional damage to crops. Comments from Valley County indicated that many pea fields were destroyed. In Garfield County, reports suggested good yields and test weights for the recently harvested wheat crop. Statewide, small grain harvest was progressing ahead of normal, with 66 percent of barley, 42 percent of Durum wheat, 69 percent of oats, 53 percent of spring wheat, and 97 percent of winter wheat harvested by week's end. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate under hotter and drier than normal weather, with just 33 percent rated good to excellent which was better than last year's 23 percent but below the 5-year average of 38 percent. Producers continues to move animals off summer pastures with 19 percent of cattle and 19 percent of sheep moved, well ahead of the 5-year average for both.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Second cutting	80	73	71	66
Barley				
Harvested	66	52	77	53
Camelina				
Turning	60	48	100	99
Harvested	12	--	41	28
Canola				
Turning	97	92	97	93
Harvested	31	18	64	34
Corn				
Harvested for Silage	3	1	3	4
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	69	40	66	29
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	87	76	95	74
Durum wheat				
Turning	96	92	100	90
Harvested	42	25	30	22
Flaxseed				
Turning	89	80	97	90
Harvested	12	1	58	20
Lentils				
Harvested	71	60	83	60
Mustard seed				
Harvested	45	35	62	30
Oats				
Harvested	69	53	65	47
Other hay				
Second cutting	73	63	54	52
Safflower				
Turning	65	62	31	54
Harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Harvested	53	37	62	39
Winter wheat				
Harvested	97	94	96	88
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range	19	16	12	6
Receiving supplemental feed	8	NA	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range	19	16	13	8
Receiving supplemental feed	7	NA	8	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	15	15	19
Short.....	24	24	38	39
Adequate.....	55	54	41	36
Surplus.....	7	7	6	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	14	14	15
Short.....	27	26	38	35
Adequate.....	54	56	39	45
Surplus.....	4	4	9	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Canola				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	1
Poor.....	1	1	14	4
Fair.....	22	20	26	29
Good.....	57	59	56	59
Excellent.....	19	19	2	7
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	3	3	7	5
Fair.....	31	31	33	37
Good.....	52	52	47	44
Excellent.....	14	14	12	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	2
Poor.....	4	4	5	4
Fair.....	45	45	50	33
Good.....	44	44	37	55
Excellent.....	7	7	4	6
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	NA
Poor.....	3	3	26	NA
Fair.....	42	42	27	NA
Good.....	47	47	39	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	2	NA
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	2
Poor.....	1	1	9	4
Fair.....	44	41	16	21
Good.....	44	48	67	65
Excellent.....	10	10	7	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	13	13	10	12
Poor.....	20	19	22	16
Fair.....	34	34	45	34
Good.....	28	29	21	29
Excellent.....	5	5	2	9
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	5	5	20	NA
Good.....	48	48	53	NA
Excellent.....	45	45	27	NA
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	4	NA
Poor.....	4	4	8	NA
Fair.....	29	29	32	NA
Good.....	52	52	47	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	9	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	8	7
Fair.....	12	12	29	28
Good.....	66	67	50	46
Excellent.....	21	20	13	17

¹Current conditions for Camelina, Mustard Seed, and Safflower are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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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_08212016.pdf