

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures and precipitation prevailed this week throughout Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Daytime high temperatures for the week ranged from the lower 70s to 88 degrees in Biddle. Overnight lows ranged from the lower 20s to the upper 40s with a statewide low of 22 degrees in Wisdom. Grass Range received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 1.81 inches of moisture, and all weather stations reported receiving moisture ranging from 0.06 of an inch to 1.81 inches. Producers have started harvesting corn for grain and silage along with sugarbeets. That is ahead of normal progress with 10 percent of corn for grain, 24 percent of corn silage, and 1 percent for sugarbeets harvested. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate, with just 28 percent rated good to excellent which was better than last year's 20 percent but below the 5-year average of 35 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Second cutting	93	91	93	91
Barley				
Harvested	92	89	99	91
Camelina				
Harvested	45	43	91	80
Canola				
Harvested	77	72	92	77
Corn				
Harvested for Grain	10	2	--	--
Harvested for Silage	24	21	20	21
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	89	88	89	57
Durum wheat				
Harvested	86	79	92	63
Flaxseed				
Harvested	48	40	95	71
Lentils				
Harvested	95	92	99	91
Mustard seed				
Harvested	85	84	83	75
Oats				
Harvested	93	90	87	87
Other hay				
Second cutting	92	90	73	80
Safflower				
Harvested	40	37	4	8
Spring wheat				
Harvested	89	87	94	81
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	1	NA	1	1
Winter Wheat				
Planted	3	--	13	11
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range	26	25	25	20
Receiving supplemental feed	8	8	16	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range	31	25	33	26
Receiving supplemental feed	10	10	18	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.....	4.5	5.5	6.6	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	14	19	24
Short.....	24	25	36	30
Adequate.....	56	54	38	40
Surplus.....	6	7	7	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	15	15	20
Short.....	28	30	37	31
Adequate.....	54	52	40	44
Surplus.....	3	3	8	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Camelina				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	38	38	NA	NA
Good.....	59	59	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	3	3	7	7
Fair.....	30	30	32	32
Good.....	52	53	44	43
Excellent.....	15	14	14	16
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	44	44	NA	NA
Good.....	44	44	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	15	11	13
Poor.....	21	21	24	19
Fair.....	36	34	45	33
Good.....	24	25	19	27
Excellent.....	4	5	1	8
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	5	5	18	NA
Good.....	46	47	55	NA
Excellent.....	47	46	27	NA
Safflower				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	4
Fair.....	7	7	29	35
Good.....	78	78	45	51
Excellent.....	15	15	24	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	8	7
Fair.....	18	17	29	28
Good.....	65	65	47	46
Excellent.....	16	17	16	18

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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_09112016.pdf