

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of hot dry weather with limited precipitation occurred for a majority of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the week was Mizpah, reading 105 degrees, while the low temperature was recorded in Deer Lodge at 35 degrees. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded at Pompeys Pillar with 0.55 of an inch of moisture. Crop conditions continue to deteriorate due to the hot dry weather. Haying is running at least two weeks ahead of schedule in some parts of the state, but little is on the market as livestock operations are hesitant to sell given that much of the state is experiencing drought. Only 19 weather stations are reporting above normal precipitation since April 1, 2017, ranging from 0.03 to 1.38 inches above normal.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting	65	NA	93	80
Second cutting	11	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Boot stage	97	88	NA	NA
Headed	56	28	82	80
Camelina				
Emerged	80	70	94	98
Blooming	40	20	39	70
Canola				
Emerged	90	82	99	99
Blooming	57	35	93	90
Coloring	1	NA	33	20
Corn				
Emerged	99	92	99	99
Silking	8	--	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Emerged	100	91	NA	NA
Blooming	90	76	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Emerged	100	98	100	100
Blooming	95	90	NA	NA
Harvested	2	--	4	2
Durum wheat				
Emerged	99	95	99	99
Boot stage	88	70	93	77
Headed	60	30	61	38
Flaxseed				
Blooming	80	57	79	63
Lentils				
Blooming	94	70	95	79
Mustard seed				
Emerged	95	84	98	97
Blooming	69	25	95	85
Oats				
Emerged	98	92	100	99
Boot stage	93	57	97	90
Headed	61	10	76	60
Other hay				
First cutting	60	NA	91	74
Second cutting	1	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Emerged	91	87	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted	90	75	99	99
Emerged	75	55	97	97
Blooming	20	NA	54	54
Spring wheat				
Emerged	99	95	100	100
Boot stage	89	80	97	91
Headed	60	35	70	62
Winter wheat				
Headed	100	98	98	97
Coloring	70	35	83	57
Harvested for grain	1	--	--	1

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	6.9	6.7	5.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	62	43	11	13
Short.....	27	37	21	33
Adequate.....	11	20	60	49
Surplus.....	--	--	8	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	37	31	10	11
Short.....	42	46	27	31
Adequate.....	20	23	59	54
Surplus.....	1	--	4	4

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.....	10	3	1	2
Poor.....	19	19	3	7
Fair.....	41	47	31	36
Good.....	21	21	41	40
Excellent.....	9	10	24	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	7	4	--	1
Poor.....	14	10	2	4
Fair.....	58	41	32	34
Good.....	20	40	53	47
Excellent.....	1	5	13	14
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	19	12	2	2
Poor.....	29	32	4	4
Fair.....	36	42	32	29
Good.....	11	9	49	51
Excellent.....	5	5	13	14
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	37	19	2	3
Poor.....	28	35	3	4
Fair.....	31	28	44	31
Good.....	3	17	46	55
Excellent.....	1	1	5	7
Lentils				
Very poor.....	31	16	2	3
Poor.....	25	33	4	4
Fair.....	39	30	38	35
Good.....	4	20	48	52
Excellent.....	1	1	8	6
Oats				
Very poor.....	22	14	--	2
Poor.....	24	30	4	6
Fair.....	36	35	28	34
Good.....	16	17	62	50
Excellent.....	2	4	6	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	15	10	10
Poor.....	28	27	15	17
Fair.....	28	32	36	35
Good.....	18	19	34	32
Excellent.....	3	7	5	6
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	33	19	2	2
Poor.....	29	32	3	6
Fair.....	27	41	29	31
Good.....	8	5	51	49
Excellent.....	3	3	15	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	7	4	2	2
Poor.....	17	15	6	9
Fair.....	50	51	30	30
Good.....	21	22	38	41
Excellent.....	5	8	24	18

¹Current conditions for Camelina, Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, Potatoes, Safflower and Sugarbeets 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/2017/MT_Weather_07092017.pdf