

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry weather persisted across much of the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from 86 to 98 degrees. Low temperatures ranged from 26 degrees to the mid-50s. Eighty-nine stations recorded no precipitation, while 15 stations recorded between 0.01 and 0.06 of an inch. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Butte with 0.10 of an inch of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 99 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, compared to 38 percent the previous year. Ninety-four percent of subsoil was rated very short to short, compared with 43 percent last year. Reporters noted that harvest is wrapping up on most crops and potatoes have been sprayed-down. Also noted were the dry, hot, and smoky conditions which were stressing livestock, and the potential for forage and water shortages for livestock until shipment.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested for grain	96	94	92	94
Camelina				
Coloring.....	90	82	NA	NA
Harvested.....	60	50	45	69
Canola				
Harvested.....	93	91	76	81
Corn				
Harvested for grain	4	NA	9	2
Harvested for silage	54	20	24	22
Dry edible beans				
Harvested.....	94	86	89	66
Durum wheat				
Harvested for grain	94	84	85	68
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	95	89	47	64
Mustard seed				
Harvested.....	88	80	85	75
Oats				
Harvested.....	96	91	93	90
Other hay				
Second cutting	96	90	92	82
Safflower				
Coloring.....	87	77	NA	NA
Harvested.....	45	36	40	14
Spring wheat				
Harvested for grain	97	93	89	85
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	13	2	3	9
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	24	17	26	21
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture	30	18	30	28

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	7.0	7.0	4.5	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	86	77	14	21
Short	13	20	24	25
Adequate	1	3	56	47
Surplus	--	--	6	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	63	56	15	21
Short	31	35	28	27
Adequate	6	9	54	46
Surplus	--	--	3	6

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)
Camelina				
Very poor	28	28	--	NA
Poor	18	18	1	NA
Fair	52	52	38	NA
Good	2	2	59	NA
Excellent	--	--	2	NA
Corn				
Very poor	6	5	--	2
Poor	15	13	3	7
Fair	38	47	30	32
Good	34	33	52	42
Excellent	7	2	15	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor	47	44	15	15
Poor	30	29	21	21
Fair	19	22	36	34
Good	4	5	24	25
Excellent	--	--	4	5
Potatoes				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	1	1	2	NA
Fair	8	9	5	NA
Good	59	61	46	NA
Excellent	32	29	47	NA
Safflower				
Very poor	20	27	--	1
Poor	36	30	--	3
Fair	44	42	7	26
Good	--	1	78	58
Excellent	--	--	15	12
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	3	--	1
Poor	12	11	1	5
Fair	47	57	18	24
Good	33	27	65	51
Excellent	5	2	16	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/2017/MT_Weather_09102017.pdf