

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The first extended stretch of warm, dry weather had crops progressing rapidly throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Saco at 105 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Wisdom at 25 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 82 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Miles City with 1.60 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 78 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 11 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 73 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 21 percent. There were reports of crop losses due to hail in Rosebud, Treasure, and Custer Counties.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	67	36	NA	NA
Barley				
Booted	87	63	96	NA
Headed.....	64	28	52	73
Turning color.....	16	1	NA	NA
Canola				
Emerged.....	95	90	89	97
Blooming	70	37	54	83
Turning color.....	19	4	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	75	28	88	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	80	49	94	NA
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	99	93	98	99
Booted	78	45	85	74
Headed.....	56	25	56	37
Turning color.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	90	80	NA	NA
Blooming	62	30	77	66
Turning color.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Lentils				
Blooming	79	46	91	79
Mustard seed				
Blooming	83	45	63	78
Turning color.....	14	5	NA	NA
Oats				
Booted	82	39	88	87
Headed.....	54	19	54	53
Turning color.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	63	37	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Planted	96	94	NA	NA
Emerged.....	91	85	90	NA
Safflower				
Planted	96	85	88	97
Emerged.....	75	55	72	91
Blooming	47	14	NA	NA
Turning color.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted	83	59	88	90
Headed.....	68	32	56	58
Turning color.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	88	80	100	97
Turning color.....	56	19	65	56

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.6	5.2	6.9	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	62	20
Short.....	20	14	27	29
Adequate.....	71	71	11	46
Surplus.....	7	12	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	6	37	13
Short.....	22	18	42	33
Adequate.....	67	70	20	49
Surplus.....	6	6	1	5

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	3	10	3
Poor.....	3	5	19	8
Fair.....	11	15	41	37
Good.....	64	53	21	37
Excellent.....	21	24	9	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	7	2
Poor.....	6	2	14	5
Fair.....	21	19	58	38
Good.....	60	60	20	45
Excellent.....	12	18	1	10
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	--	1	19	5
Poor.....	1	3	29	9
Fair.....	17	21	36	33
Good.....	73	65	11	42
Excellent.....	9	10	5	11
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	37	10
Poor.....	4	3	28	9
Fair.....	33	43	31	33
Good.....	57	47	3	42
Excellent.....	6	7	1	6
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	1	31	9
Poor.....	1	4	25	8
Fair.....	25	29	39	38
Good.....	64	56	4	39
Excellent.....	10	10	1	6
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	22	5
Poor.....	--	1	24	7
Fair.....	25	15	36	36
Good.....	61	60	16	46
Excellent.....	13	23	2	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	23	9
Poor.....	5	5	28	18
Fair.....	18	17	28	34
Good.....	49	44	18	32
Excellent.....	27	33	3	7
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	3	33	8
Poor.....	2	5	29	9
Fair.....	14	17	27	31
Good.....	75	66	8	42
Excellent.....	9	9	3	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	4	7	3
Poor.....	3	8	17	9
Fair.....	18	19	50	32
Good.....	35	24	21	38
Excellent.....	43	45	5	18

¹Current conditions for 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/

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Montana’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-07082018.pdf

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