

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered rain and smoky conditions were observed throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Hardin at 95 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 20 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 91 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Wibaux with 1.15 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 40 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 3 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 43 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 11 percent. Northwestern areas of the state are still reporting that spring crops are too green for harvesting, while the northeastern area of the state reported that harvest yields varied, even within the same field. Reporters in Valley County indicated that a lack of moisture and poor pasture conditions would see cattle moved to market early this year. Roosevelt County reported rain in the latter half of the week, which delayed harvesting of some crops. Rainfall in Phillips County softened grasses for livestock and delayed harvesting, but water availability remains a concern. Teton County reported good yields on dry-land winter wheat and irrigated grains, but predicted that late planted dry-land crops may not fare as well.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting harvested | 91 | 85 | 94 | 80 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Turning color | 98 | 97 | NA | NA |
| Harvested | 67 | 51 | 85 | 76 |
| Canola | | | | |
| Turning color | 96 | 94 | NA | NA |
| Harvested | 34 | 14 | 80 | 63 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Harvested for silage | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Harvested | 35 | 25 | 75 | 58 |
| Dry edible peas | | | | |
| Harvested | 86 | 77 | 93 | 88 |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Turning color | 93 | 90 | NA | NA |
| Harvested | 47 | 34 | 80 | 43 |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Turning color | 82 | 79 | NA | NA |
| Harvested | 33 | 23 | 76 | 40 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Harvested | 76 | 61 | NA | NA |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Turning color | 95 | 94 | 95 | NA |
| Harvested | 37 | 21 | 72 | 54 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Turning color | 97 | 94 | 96 | NA |
| Harvested | 52 | 35 | 77 | 68 |
| Other hay 2 nd cutting harvested | 78 | 68 | 73 | 64 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Blooming | 82 | 81 | 84 | NA |
| Turning color | 59 | 53 | 55 | 64 |
| Harvested | 4 | 1 | 8 | NA |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 61 | 45 | 82 | 61 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 91 | 85 | 97 | 96 |

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for field work..... | 6.2 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 18 | 23 | 73 | 24 |
| Short..... | 42 | 42 | 24 | 28 |
| Adequate..... | 38 | 35 | 3 | 40 |
| Surplus..... | 2 | -- | -- | 8 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 14 | 15 | 53 | 20 |
| Short..... | 43 | 42 | 36 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 43 | 43 | 11 | 45 |
| Surplus..... | -- | -- | -- | 6 |

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Canola | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 5 | 4 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 31 | 38 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 47 | 44 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 14 | NA | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 4 | 15 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 22 | 50 | 37 |
| Good..... | 60 | 56 | 26 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | 13 | 17 | 1 | 12 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 6 | 7 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 42 | 50 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 42 | 35 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 7 | NA | NA |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 6 | 5 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 41 | 46 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 41 | 42 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 7 | NA | NA |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 27 | 37 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 55 | 51 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 10 | NA | NA |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 5 | 6 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 62 | 63 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 26 | 25 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 6 | NA | NA |
| Oats | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 3 | 3 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 17 | 17 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 66 | 66 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 14 | 14 | NA | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 9 | 41 | 15 |
| Poor..... | 12 | 12 | 26 | 18 |
| Fair..... | 34 | 34 | 25 | 34 |
| Good..... | 40 | 37 | 8 | 27 |
| Excellent..... | 6 | 8 | -- | 6 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 2 | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 7 | 10 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 30 | 28 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 49 | 49 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 11 | NA | NA |

¹Current conditions for 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-08262018.pdf

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