

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moderate temperatures and scattered precipitation were observed 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 Powderville at 96 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Yellowstone at 27 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 40 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Harlowton with 0.35 of an inch of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 37 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 1 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 35 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 6 percent. Hill County reported that spring wheat has been slow to mature, while harvest for the crop was concluding in Phillips County. Teton County noted that initial reports of chickpea harvest were positive for yield and quality. Hill County has reported a few cases of smut in oat and barley crops. Rain in Phillips County greened pastures, according to reporters.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested	85	72	96	94
Canola				
Harvested	62	47	93	81
Corn				
Harvested for silage	17	9	49	23
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	58	49	93	74
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	95	92	99	NA
Durum wheat				
Harvested	75	63	93	67
Flaxseed				
Turning color	90	87	NA	NA
Harvested	47	43	94	64
Lentils				
Harvested	94	87	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested	68	54	87	74
Oats				
Harvested	83	69	95	89
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	91	86	95	82
Safflower				
Blooming	90	86	98	NA
Turning color	69	64	86	NA
Harvested	20	11	44	18
Spring wheat				
Harvested	87	75	96	85

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.....	6.8	5.7	7.0	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	19	86	26
Short.....	41	42	13	21
Adequate.....	36	38	1	46
Surplus.....	1	1	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	18	16	63	22
Short.....	47	48	31	26
Adequate.....	35	35	6	46
Surplus.....	--	1	--	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	6	2
Poor.....	12	9	15	7
Fair.....	16	20	38	33
Good.....	58	55	34	44
Excellent.....	14	16	7	14
Flaxseed				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	12	20	NA	NA
Good.....	65	66	NA	NA
Excellent.....	22	13	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	11	47	16
Poor.....	17	15	30	21
Fair.....	30	28	19	33
Good.....	37	35	4	25
Excellent.....	6	11	--	5
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	16	11	8	NA
Good.....	41	41	59	NA
Excellent.....	37	42	32	NA
Safflower				
Very poor.....	--	--	20	4
Poor.....	1	4	36	8
Fair.....	28	37	44	29
Good.....	56	47	--	47
Excellent.....	15	12	--	12
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	--	3	1
Poor.....	5	5	12	6
Fair.....	18	11	47	28
Good.....	52	59	33	47
Excellent.....	24	25	5	18

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/2018/MT-Weather-09092018.pdf

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