

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING October 7, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool temperatures and mixed 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 Biddle at 82 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Bredette and Plentywood at 16 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 98 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Hamilton with 2.54 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 56 percent adequate to surplus, slightly above last year's 54 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 45 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 30 percent. Reporters noted the cool weather and missed precipitation continue to slow harvest in many areas. Potato harvest was 33 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 69 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 22 percent complete, which aligns with both the previous year and 5-year average. Winter wheat seeded was 60 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 72 percent. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with only 22 percent of cattle and 20 percent of sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Canola				
Harvested.....	94	92	NA	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain.....	22	15	22	22
Harvested for silage.....	86	72	92	86
Dry edible beans				
Harvested.....	90	89	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	95	94	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	80	79	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Harvested.....	95	89	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Harvested.....	33	5	69	55
Safflower				
Harvested.....	52	47	57	53
Sugarbeets				
Harvested.....	26	16	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	60	35	72	80
Emerged.....	32	12	29	39
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	22	12	50	46
Receiving supplemental feed.....	17	NA	15	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	20	15	62	62
Receiving supplemental feed.....	16	NA	18	NA

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.....	3.5	4.6	4.3	NA
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	11	17	10
Short.....	40	31	29	23
Adequate.....	49	54	44	58
Surplus.....	7	4	10	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	18	30	13
Short.....	35	34	40	27
Adequate.....	45	48	26	54
Surplus.....	--	--	4	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.....	1	--	8	3
Poor.....	8	4	10	5
Fair.....	26	17	35	32
Good.....	52	60	42	46
Excellent.....	13	19	5	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	8	40	15
Poor.....	21	15	26	19
Fair.....	29	30	20	33
Good.....	34	41	12	28
Excellent.....	5	6	2	5
Potatoes				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	2	NA
Fair.....	11	15	18	NA
Good.....	41	40	48	NA
Excellent.....	42	39	32	NA
Safflower				
Very poor.....	--	--	36	NA
Poor.....	2	2	21	NA
Fair.....	19	21	42	NA
Good.....	71	62	1	NA
Excellent.....	8	15	--	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	1
Poor.....	6	4	11	6
Fair.....	18	14	44	28
Good.....	52	50	37	46
Excellent.....	22	30	6	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/2018/MT-Weather-10072018.pdf

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