

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Widespread precipitation and cooler temperatures 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 Fort Benton and Loma at 56 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Wibaux at -17 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 98 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Alberton with 1.32 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 74 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 55 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 66 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 32 percent. Field work is beginning to wrap up for the season but was hindered in some areas of the state due to cold weather and scattered snowstorms. Corn for grain harvest was 68 percent complete, which falls behind the 5-year average of 74 percent. Winter wheat emerged was 89 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 93 percent. Cattle and sheep are coming off summer range in good condition. Mild weather and timely precipitation continues to allow for extended fall grazing. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 77 percent of cattle and 78 percent of sheep moved.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	68	64	71	74
Potatoes				
Harvested .....	95	90	NA	NA
Safflower				
Harvested .....	94	90	94	94
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	89	83	89	93
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	77	73	85	85
Receiving supplemental feed .....	35	30	45	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	78	73	88	91
Receiving supplemental feed .....	35	30	55	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.....	2.7	5.2	2.3	3.9
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	4	15	9
Short.....	23	23	30	24
Adequate.....	72	67	52	60
Surplus.....	2	6	3	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	6	27	12
Short.....	28	35	41	28
Adequate.....	66	59	32	54
Surplus.....	--	--	--	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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	6	34	13
Poor.....	13	13	29	20
Fair.....	32	34	26	36
Good.....	36	41	10	27
Excellent.....	7	6	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	1	6	4
Fair.....	18	18	52	32
Good.....	56	65	38	43
Excellent.....	24	16	1	20

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-11112018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-11112018.pdf)

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