

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation across Montana during the past week benefitted pastures and crops in parts of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 86 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 85 percent in the previous week and 78 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 78 percent adequate to surplus compared to 73 percent the previous year. Reporters in McCone and Roosevelt Counties stated that the precipitation and moisture over the last week have slowed haying. There were reports of hail damage in Phillips, McCone, Dawson, and Cascade Counties. Barley headed was estimated at 35 percent, behind the 5-year average of 68 percent. Durum wheat headed was reported at 25 percent, which is behind last year at 52 percent. Canola acres were almost completely emerged with an estimated 97 percent, ahead of last year. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 70 percent good to excellent compared to 78 percent at this time last year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	39	29	63	NA
Barley				
Booted .....	65	50	84	NA
Headed .....	35	20	59	68
Turning Color .....	1	NA	14	NA
Canola				
Emerged .....	97	89	94	95
Blooming .....	45	30	65	76
Turning Color .....	2	--	17	18
Corn				
Emerged .....	97	94	NA	NA
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Emerged .....	98	93	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming .....	72	45	76	NA
Durum wheat				
Booted .....	58	33	73	76
Headed .....	25	6	52	42
Flaxseed				
Emerged .....	83	79	89	NA
Blooming .....	41	28	57	61
Lentils				
Blooming .....	52	33	74	77
Mustard seed				
Emerged .....	97	94	NA	NA
Blooming .....	45	30	78	74
Turning Color .....	1	--	13	NA
Oats				
Booted .....	46	31	76	83
Headed .....	14	--	49	51
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	43	32	59	NA
Safflower				
Planted .....	87	84	94	95
Emerged .....	79	73	72	85
Blooming .....	3	--	42	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted .....	65	50	80	89
Headed .....	36	17	63	59
Sugarbeets				
Emerged .....	96	93	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	91	74	87	94
Turning Color .....	28	15	51	57

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.....	4.7	4.5	6.6	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	2	19
Short.....	14	15	20	28
Adequate.....	77	74	71	47
Surplus.....	9	11	7	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	5	13
Short.....	20	20	22	31
Adequate.....	77	76	67	51
Surplus.....	1	2	6	5

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	3
Poor.....	7	7	3	8
Fair.....	29	29	11	32
Good.....	54	56	64	41
Excellent.....	8	6	21	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	3	3	6	6
Fair.....	24	19	21	34
Good.....	67	73	60	48
Excellent.....	6	5	12	10
Dry Peas				
Very poor.....	3	4	--	5
Poor.....	7	7	1	9
Fair.....	40	44	17	30
Good.....	45	43	73	46
Excellent.....	5	2	9	10
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor.....	5	4	4	10
Fair.....	54	56	33	36
Good.....	40	39	57	41
Excellent.....	1	1	6	3
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	9
Poor.....	4	3	1	8
Fair.....	52	50	25	38
Good.....	43	45	64	41
Excellent.....	1	2	10	4
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	2	1	--	6
Fair.....	33	30	25	32
Good.....	61	66	61	49
Excellent.....	4	3	13	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	9
Poor.....	4	3	5	16
Fair.....	28	28	18	31
Good.....	50	57	49	33
Excellent.....	17	11	27	11
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	8
Poor.....	10	8	2	9
Fair.....	20	29	14	28
Good.....	68	59	75	46
Excellent.....	2	2	9	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	6
Fair.....	15	20	36	31
Good.....	78	70	43	49
Excellent.....	5	9	15	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	3
Poor.....	9	7	3	8
Fair.....	20	20	18	32
Good.....	40	45	35	36
Excellent.....	30	28	43	21

<sup>1</sup>Current conditions for Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed and Safflower are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick\\_Stats/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/)

NA – not available

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