

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered precipitation was observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 81 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 77 percent in the previous week and 50 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 74 percent adequate to surplus compared to 58 percent the previous year. Reporters in Granite and Powell counties stated many areas are plagued with drier than normal conditions. A reporter in Cascade County stated severe hailstorms have damaged crops and affected pasture conditions. Barley headed was estimated at 88 percent complete, behind the 5-year average of 95 percent. Durum wheat headed was reported at 76 percent complete, which is behind last year at 84 percent. Dry edible peas blooming was estimated at 97 percent complete, jumping slightly ahead of the previous year of 96 percent. Flaxseed blooming was reported at 79 percent complete, aligning with the previous year. Canola blooming was estimated at 93 percent complete, ahead of last year at 91 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 52 percent good to excellent compared to 79 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 st cutting harvested	71	51	92	93
Barley				
Booted	99	90	NA	NA
Headed	88	60	90	95
Turning Color	27	9	54	56
Canola				
Blooming	93	70	91	NA
Turning Color	36	19	48	45
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	45	15	94	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	97	89	96	NA
Durum wheat				
Booted	91	77	95	NA
Headed	76	54	84	85
Turning Color	4	NA	34	NA
Flaxseed				
Emerged	97	89	NA	NA
Blooming	79	61	79	NA
Turning Color	2	NA	15	NA
Lentils				
Blooming	88	76	94	NA
Mustard seed				
Blooming	90	70	93	NA
Turning Color	24	10	55	34
Oats				
Booted	91	70	94	NA
Headed	70	40	84	86
Turning Color	2	NA	29	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	62	53	90	90
Safflower				
Emerged	90	84	89	NA
Blooming	30	15	53	52
Spring wheat				
Booted	98	90	95	NA
Headed	87	60	88	91
Turning Color	3	NA	46	NA
Winter wheat				
Turning Color	73	50	85	91

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.....	6.2	5.4	6.8	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	13	19
Short.....	19	21	37	38
Adequate.....	75	68	49	39
Surplus.....	6	9	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	2	5	15
Short.....	25	22	37	38
Adequate.....	71	75	55	43
Surplus.....	3	1	3	4

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	9	9	3	6
Fair.....	24	23	27	36
Good.....	42	49	51	42
Excellent.....	24	18	18	14
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	4	2	3	5
Fair.....	15	15	15	30
Good.....	65	69	65	51
Excellent.....	16	14	16	13
Dry Peas				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	7
Poor.....	5	5	8	10
Fair.....	27	32	22	32
Good.....	55	54	56	41
Excellent.....	11	8	12	10
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	7
Poor.....	4	5	5	13
Fair.....	35	45	39	40
Good.....	48	42	44	37
Excellent.....	13	8	11	3
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	7
Poor.....	4	4	7	12
Fair.....	39	43	29	39
Good.....	46	46	46	37
Excellent.....	11	7	17	5
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	6
Poor.....	5	5	1	6
Fair.....	37	34	11	27
Good.....	51	55	70	52
Excellent.....	6	5	18	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	11
Poor.....	3	5	11	18
Fair.....	15	19	20	31
Good.....	56	54	49	32
Excellent.....	26	22	16	8
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	8
Poor.....	13	11	7	9
Fair.....	22	21	25	31
Good.....	53	59	54	42
Excellent.....	11	8	11	10
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	--	4	6
Fair.....	11	11	18	26
Good.....	75	79	50	50
Excellent.....	13	10	27	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	3
Poor.....	19	13	4	7
Fair.....	27	19	16	29
Good.....	30	28	39	39
Excellent.....	22	38	40	22

¹Current 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/

NA – not available

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