

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana saw scattered storms and cooler days delaying crop progress and slowing harvest across much of the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 76 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 74 percent in the previous week and 35 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 76 percent adequate to surplus compared to 43 percent the previous year. Reporters in Stillwater and Sweet Grass counties reported a large amount of grasshoppers causing damage to grasslands. In Roosevelt County a reporter stated that pasture and rangeland remained in very good shape. Barley harvest was estimated at 30 percent complete, behind the previous year of 48 percent. Durum wheat turning color was reported at 81 percent complete, which is behind last year at 89 percent. Thirteen percent of the Durum wheat crop had been harvested, well behind last year and the five year average both at 32 percent. Oats turning color was estimated at 95 percent complete, ahead of last year at 93 percent. Just under one-fifth of the oat crop had been harvested by weeks end. Flaxseed turning color was reported at 80 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 77 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 85 percent. Canola turning color was estimated at 85 percent complete, behind last year at 93 percent. Approximately 10 percent of the canola crop was harvested by the end of the week, slightly behind last year at 12 percent and well behind the 5-year average at 36 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops continues to be slow, with an estimated 29 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 58 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 60 percent complete, behind last year at 74 percent and the 5-year average of 81 percent. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 69 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 82 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	46	20	84	75
Barley				
Turning color	96	92	97	NA
Harvested	30	5	48	57
Canola				
Turning color	85	78	93	NA
Harvested	10	3	12	36
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	95	85	NA	NA
Harvested	5	1	23	45
Dry edible peas				
Harvested	60	35	74	81
Durum wheat				
Turning color	81	78	89	89
Harvested	13	3	32	32
Flaxseed				
Turning color	80	68	77	85
Lentils				
Harvested	29	9	58	66
Mustard seed				
Turning color	92	89	92	NA
Oats				
Turning color	95	80	93	NA
Harvested	19	11	32	52
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	37	19	66	59
Safflower				
Blooming	82	70	81	NA
Turning color	35	26	52	46
Spring wheat				
Turning color	96	92	NA	NA
Harvested	20	10	42	44
Winter wheat				
Harvested	69	50	82	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.....	5.2	5.8	6.9	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	23	28
Short.....	22	25	42	28
Adequate.....	72	71	35	37
Surplus.....	4	3	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	1	15	22
Short.....	21	29	42	32
Adequate.....	73	69	43	41
Surplus.....	3	1	--	5

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.....	3	--	2	NA
Poor.....	7	8	5	NA
Fair.....	25	24	26	NA
Good.....	50	53	53	NA
Excellent.....	15	15	14	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	5	3	1	2
Poor.....	8	8	4	7
Fair.....	21	22	22	34
Good.....	61	62	56	45
Excellent.....	5	5	17	12
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	3	4	7	NA
Fair.....	21	30	29	NA
Good.....	57	52	48	NA
Excellent.....	18	13	15	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	3	5	NA
Fair.....	19	26	46	NA
Good.....	61	52	42	NA
Excellent.....	18	19	7	NA
Lentils				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	NA
Poor.....	2	4	9	NA
Fair.....	29	37	34	NA
Good.....	55	46	43	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	12	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	5	3	NA
Fair.....	31	36	17	NA
Good.....	62	53	66	NA
Excellent.....	4	6	14	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	9	16
Poor.....	4	5	12	18
Fair.....	20	27	34	35
Good.....	58	57	37	26
Excellent.....	17	10	8	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	10
Poor.....	10	15	10	10
Fair.....	27	23	28	31
Good.....	52	50	49	40
Excellent.....	9	11	11	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	2	--	2	1
Poor.....	5	--	5	6
Fair.....	14	11	18	26
Good.....	66	75	52	48
Excellent.....	13	14	23	19

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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