

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Heavy rains and cooler weather were observed during the second half of the week across 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 74 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 69 percent in the previous week and 37 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 68 percent adequate to surplus compared to 35 percent the previous year. Reporters in Powell, Granite and Powder River counties reported a grasshopper infestation is damaging range conditions. In Roosevelt County a reporter stated dry, warm weather early in the week allowed for an increase in small grain harvest. Statewide, barley harvest was estimated at 76 percent complete, behind the previous year of 83 percent. Durum wheat harvested was reported at 40 percent complete, well behind last year at 73 percent and the five year average of 73 percent. Oats harvested for grain was estimated at 70 percent complete, behind last year at 81 percent. Flaxseed harvested was reported at 18 percent complete, behind the previous year at 46 percent. Approximately 45 percent of the canola crop was harvested by the end of the week, behind last year at 60 percent and well behind the 5-year average of 77 percent. Harvesting of pulse crops continues behind schedule, with an estimated 85 percent of the lentil crop harvested, which is behind the previous year of 93 percent. Dry peas harvested was estimated at 89 percent complete, behind last year at 95 percent. Winter wheat harvested is estimated at 89 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 95 percent and the 5-year average of 98 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 | 82 | 73 | NA | NA |
| Barley | | | | |
| Harvested | 76 | 68 | 83 | 91 |
| Canola | | | | |
| Harvested | 45 | 20 | 60 | 77 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Harvested for silage | 23 | 10 | 16 | 22 |
| Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas) | | | | |
| Harvested | 52 | 30 | 57 | 73 |
| Dry edible peas | | | | |
| Harvested | 89 | 83 | 95 | NA |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 40 | 26 | 73 | 73 |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Harvested | 18 | 10 | 46 | 59 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Harvested | 85 | 74 | 93 | NA |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Harvested | 50 | 33 | 66 | 72 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Harvested | 70 | 57 | 81 | 88 |
| Other hay | | | | |
| 2 nd cutting harvested | 71 | 59 | 90 | 83 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Turning color | 64 | 56 | 68 | NA |
| Harvested | 10 | 1 | 19 | 20 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 62 | 46 | 85 | 86 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Harvested | 89 | 84 | 95 | 98 |
| Planted | 1 | NA | -- | 5 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Moved from pasture | 8 | 1 | NA | NA |

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..... | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 5 | 22 | 29 |
| Short..... | 22 | 26 | 41 | 25 |
| Adequate..... | 67 | 62 | 36 | 40 |
| Surplus..... | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 5 | 5 | 18 | 23 |
| Short..... | 27 | 30 | 47 | 30 |
| Adequate..... | 65 | 62 | 35 | 42 |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 3 | -- | 5 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Canola | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 3 | 3 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 40 | 55 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 42 | 28 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 14 | 13 | NA | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 4 | 12 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 24 | 22 | 16 | 29 |
| Good..... | 59 | 61 | 58 | 48 |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 3 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 69 | 69 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 27 | 26 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 2 | 2 | NA | NA |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 3 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 55 | 40 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 35 | 48 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 8 | 9 | NA | NA |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | NA |
| Fair..... | 50 | 35 | 12 | NA |
| Good..... | 32 | 50 | 65 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 18 | 15 | 22 | NA |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 4 | 4 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 61 | 48 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 30 | 44 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 4 | NA | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 2 | 10 | 17 |
| Poor..... | 6 | 7 | 17 | 22 |
| Fair..... | 26 | 29 | 30 | 32 |
| Good..... | 49 | 47 | 37 | 24 |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 15 | 6 | 5 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 4 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 27 | 27 | 28 | 30 |
| Good..... | 69 | 69 | 56 | 47 |
| Excellent..... | 4 | 4 | 15 | 11 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 2 | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | 11 | 10 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 35 | 28 | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 41 | 50 | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 10 | NA | NA |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Poor..... | 11 | 11 | 5 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 16 | 15 | 18 | 25 |
| Good..... | 48 | 51 | 52 | 49 |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 14 | 24 | 20 |

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