

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cold temperatures and snowstorms were observed 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 91 percent adequate to surplus, behind the previous week at 96 percent but ahead of the previous year at 74 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 84 percent adequate to surplus compared to 66 percent the previous year. Reporters in McCone and Wibaux counties stated they received six to eight inches of snow over the weekend and temperatures dropped to below zero at night. Statewide, Durum wheat made little harvest progress and was reported at 90 percent complete, well behind previous years. Corn harvested for grain was reported at 35 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 67 percent and the 5-year average of 73 percent. Oilseed harvest continues behind schedule, with approximately 80 percent of the flaxseed crop harvested by the end of the week. Safflower harvested was reported at 75 percent complete, behind both the previous year at 93 percent and the 5-year average of 92 percent. Sugarbeet harvest made minimal progress last week due to freezing temperatures, with 50 percent of the crop harvested, significantly behind previous years. A reporter in Prairie County noted sugarbeet harvest has slowed significantly because frigid temperatures have frozen and damaged the remaining crop. Winter wheat planted for the 2020 crop season was estimated at 93 percent complete, behind last year and the 5-year average at 99 percent. Livestock moved from pasture continues to increase steadily, with 74 percent of both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved. Cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was estimated at 32 percent, below the previous year of 35 percent. Forty-three percent of sheep and lambs were estimated to be receiving supplemental feed, above the previous year of 35 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	35	30	67	73
Harvested for silage .....	95	91	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Harvested .....	90	86	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Harvested .....	80	70	NA	NA
Safflower				
Harvested .....	75	68	93	92
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	50	45	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	93	91	99	99
Emerged .....	68	64	88	92
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	74	63	76	83
Receiving supplemental feed .....	32	23	35	37
Sheep & Lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	74	66	77	88
Receiving supplemental feed .....	43	34	35	42

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.....	2.4	4.0	2.7	3.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	3	8
Short.....	9	4	23	23
Adequate.....	73	73	72	62
Surplus.....	18	23	2	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	6	12
Short.....	16	7	28	28
Adequate.....	69	73	66	55
Surplus.....	15	20	--	5

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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	7	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	26	NA	NA
Good.....	61	58	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	6	12	15
Poor.....	7	7	13	20
Fair.....	21	22	32	34
Good.....	40	46	36	26
Excellent.....	21	19	7	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	8	9	NA	NA
Poor.....	14	12	NA	NA
Fair.....	21	15	NA	NA
Good.....	41	50	NA	NA
Excellent.....	16	14	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	1
Poor.....	15	14	2	3
Fair.....	30	37	18	29
Good.....	35	33	56	48
Excellent.....	20	15	24	19

NA – not available

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