

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 28, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures, windy conditions and scattered moisture were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in Broadwater, Gallatin and Golden Valley counties reported highly sought after moisture was received the past week, immensely helping crop and pasture conditions. Drought conditions are still having a drastic effect on areas of the state, with reporters in Prairie, Powder River, Richland and Wibaux counties reporting the continual warm, dry conditions are putting stress on crops. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 77 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 81 percent in the previous week and 85 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 80 percent adequate to surplus compared to 78 percent the previous year. Barley booted was estimated at 61 percent, ahead of the previous year at 45 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 72 percent. Corn emergence is almost complete with an estimated 95 percent of the crop emerged, slightly ahead of the previous year at 92 percent. Dry edible peas blooming is estimated at 40 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 39 percent. Durum wheat emerged is estimated at 91 percent complete, falling behind both the previous year and 5-year average of 94 percent and 95 percent, respectively. Oilseed emergence is almost complete, with an estimated at 90 percent of the flaxseed crop emerged, and mustard seed emerged is estimated at 95 percent complete. Oats booted is estimated at 43 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 26 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 55 percent. Spring wheat booted is estimated at 57 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 45 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 95 percent of the crop booted, slightly ahead of the previous year at 94 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 87 percent good to excellent, compared to 73 percent 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	32	15	24	NA
Barley				
Booted	61	42	45	72
Headed.....	30	6	15	34
Canola				
Emerged.....	85	75	86	90
Blooming.....	30	15	25	46
Corn				
Emerged.....	95	80	92	NA
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Emerged.....	92	79	89	90
Blooming	23	10	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	40	15	39	64
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	91	76	94	95
Booted	26	18	26	45
Headed.....	5	NA	4	13
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	90	78	76	NA
Blooming	12	2	21	35
Lentils				
Emerged.....	95	85	96	NA
Blooming	29	13	25	51
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	95	89	92	90
Blooming	41	20	23	48
Oats				
Booted	43	23	26	55
Headed.....	10	NA	--	18
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	32	12	27	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	85	75	81	84
Emerged.....	70	58	66	70
Blooming	10	2	--	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted	57	35	45	69
Headed.....	24	5	12	25
Winter wheat				
Booted	95	84	94	NA
Headed.....	78	55	66	85
Turning color.....	1	NA	11	26

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.....	5.8	5.3	4.5	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	--	13
Short.....	19	16	15	26
Adequate.....	70	81	74	53
Surplus.....	7	--	11	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	2	11
Short.....	17	14	20	29
Adequate.....	72	80	76	56
Surplus.....	8	3	2	4

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	2	3	7	8
Fair.....	11	12	29	32
Good.....	60	73	56	43
Excellent.....	27	12	6	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	3	4
Fair.....	29	27	19	30
Good.....	58	62	73	55
Excellent.....	12	11	5	10
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	4
Poor.....	2	--	7	10
Fair.....	31	33	44	34
Good.....	55	65	43	43
Excellent.....	12	2	2	9
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	--	--	4	11
Fair.....	81	81	56	43
Good.....	13	16	39	37
Excellent.....	6	3	1	3
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	--	--	3	10
Fair.....	41	42	50	36
Good.....	50	56	45	44
Excellent.....	9	2	2	5
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	3	--	1	7
Fair.....	31	32	30	28
Good.....	63	64	66	53
Excellent.....	3	4	3	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	1	5
Poor.....	12	16	3	14
Fair.....	21	18	28	30
Good.....	39	50	57	38
Excellent.....	24	12	11	13
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	6
Poor.....	3	1	8	11
Fair.....	16	14	29	30
Good.....	68	79	59	45
Excellent.....	13	6	2	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	5
Fair.....	15	15	20	30
Good.....	64	69	70	53
Excellent.....	21	15	9	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	7	9
Fair.....	10	12	20	31
Good.....	40	40	45	33
Excellent.....	47	45	28	25

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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