

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures 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 several counties across the state noted producers are dealing with a grasshopper infestation, which is affecting the condition of some crops. Reporters in Judith Basin, Phillips and Richland counties reported moisture was received the past week, improving crop and pasture conditions. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 88 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 77 percent in the previous week and 86 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 86 percent adequate to surplus compared to 78 percent the previous year. Barley booted was estimated at 80 percent, ahead of the previous year at 61 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 85 percent. Dry edible bean emergence is almost complete with an estimated 97 percent of the crop emerged, equal to the previous year. Dry edible peas blooming is estimated at 60 percent complete, falling behind the previous year at 64 percent. Durum wheat booted is estimated at 55 percent complete, ahead of the previous year of 51 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 70 percent. The oilseed crop continues to progress well, with an estimated 40 percent of the flaxseed crop blooming, and mustard seed blooming is estimated at 56 percent complete. Oats booted is estimated at 69 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 42 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 72 percent. Spring wheat booted is estimated at 80 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 61 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 94 percent of the crop headed, ahead of the previous year at 86 percent and the 5-year average of 93 percent. An estimated 34 percent of the winter wheat crop has turned color, compared to 24 percent the previous year. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 86 percent good to excellent, compared to 70 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	44	32	36	NA
Barley				
Booted	80	61	61	85
Headed.....	55	30	31	55
Canola				
Emerged.....	95	85	95	94
Blooming.....	60	30	41	64
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Emerged.....	97	92	97	NA
Blooming.....	40	23	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming.....	60	40	64	NA
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	98	91	NA	NA
Booted	55	26	51	70
Headed.....	35	5	20	38
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	98	90	82	NA
Blooming.....	40	12	37	55
Lentils				
Blooming.....	59	29	47	72
Mustard seed				
Blooming.....	56	41	41	65
Turning color.....	1	--	1	NA
Oats				
Booted	69	43	42	72
Headed.....	32	10	10	41
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	45	32	40	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	95	85	86	91
Emerged.....	80	70	77	79
Blooming.....	15	10	2	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted	80	57	61	80
Headed.....	50	24	31	49
Turning color.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	94	78	86	93
Turning color.....	34	1	24	51

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.....	5.9	5.8	4.7	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4	--	17
Short.....	10	19	14	24
Adequate.....	79	70	77	53
Surplus.....	9	7	9	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	3	2	13
Short.....	12	17	20	29
Adequate.....	79	72	77	54
Surplus.....	7	8	1	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.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	3	2	7	8
Fair.....	10	11	29	29
Good.....	48	60	54	45
Excellent.....	39	27	8	15
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	1	3	6
Fair.....	16	29	24	34
Good.....	69	58	67	50
Excellent.....	13	12	6	8
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	6
Poor.....	2	2	7	10
Fair.....	15	31	40	30
Good.....	67	55	45	45
Excellent.....	16	12	5	9
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	9
Poor.....	2	--	5	10
Fair.....	60	81	54	42
Good.....	33	13	40	36
Excellent.....	5	6	1	3
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	--	--	4	8
Fair.....	25	41	52	39
Good.....	67	50	43	41
Excellent.....	8	9	1	4
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	5	3	2	6
Fair.....	20	31	33	31
Good.....	72	63	61	51
Excellent.....	3	3	4	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	4	1	8
Poor.....	12	12	4	14
Fair.....	18	21	28	31
Good.....	41	39	50	36
Excellent.....	22	24	17	11
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	3	3	10	10
Fair.....	15	16	20	25
Good.....	65	68	68	49
Excellent.....	17	13	2	8
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	5
Fair.....	22	15	15	31
Good.....	60	64	78	54
Excellent.....	18	21	5	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	1	3
Poor.....	2	2	9	9
Fair.....	10	10	20	30
Good.....	33	40	40	34
Excellent.....	53	47	30	24

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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