

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 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 Judith Basin and Phillips counties stated hail and wind damage are being reported for some crops. Reporters in Broadwater and Roosevelt counties, reported moisture has delayed haying in certain areas, but that yields appear to be equal to or greater than the previous year. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 83 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 88 percent in the previous week and 77 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 81 percent adequate to surplus compared to 76 percent the previous year. Barley headed was estimated at 72 percent, ahead of the previous year at 53 percent. The barley crop has started to progress into the next stage, with an estimated 5 percent of the crop turning color, behind the previous year of 7 percent. Dry edible beans blooming is estimated at 58 percent complete. Dry edible peas blooming is estimated at 85 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 84 percent. Durum wheat booted is estimated at 80 percent complete, ahead of the previous year of 72 percent. The oilseed crop continues to progress well, with an estimated 65 percent of the flaxseed crop blooming, and mustard seed blooming is estimated at 74 percent complete. Canola blooming is estimated at 74 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 63 percent. Oats booted is estimated at 80 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 63 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 86 percent. Spring wheat booted is estimated at 88 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 83 percent. The first cutting for alfalfa and other hay is progressing well, despite some areas receiving moisture with hay on the ground. First cutting alfalfa is estimated at 63 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 48 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 77 percent. First cutting of other hay is estimated at 60 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 50 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 75 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 62 percent of the crop turning color, ahead of the previous year at 44 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 75 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 78 percent good to excellent, compared to 66 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	63	44	48	77
Barley				
Booted	92	80	83	NA
Headed.....	72	55	53	76
Turning color.....	5	NA	7	NA
Canola				
Blooming	74	60	63	NA
Turning color.....	8	NA	14	26
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	58	40	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	85	60	84	NA
Durum wheat				
Booted	80	55	72	NA
Headed.....	56	35	46	67
Flaxseed				
Blooming	65	40	55	77
Lentils				
Blooming	86	59	69	NA
Mustard seed				
Blooming	74	56	63	NA
Turning color.....	10	1	7	19
Oats				
Booted	80	69	63	86
Headed.....	56	32	33	66
Turning color.....	10	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	60	45	50	75
Safflower				
Emerged.....	90	80	83	NA
Blooming	30	15	12	32
Spring wheat				
Booted	88	80	83	NA
Headed.....	68	50	53	74
Turning color.....	8	6	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	99	94	95	97
Turning color.....	62	34	44	75

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.....	5.9	5.9	5.4	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	2	18
Short.....	14	10	21	28
Adequate.....	78	79	68	48
Surplus.....	5	9	9	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	2	2	12
Short.....	16	12	22	33
Adequate.....	75	79	75	51
Surplus.....	6	7	1	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.....	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	4	3	9	8
Fair.....	18	10	23	28
Good.....	42	48	49	45
Excellent.....	36	39	18	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	2	2	5
Fair.....	10	16	15	29
Good.....	72	69	69	51
Excellent.....	18	13	14	13
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	2	2	5	10
Fair.....	15	15	32	31
Good.....	67	67	54	44
Excellent.....	16	16	8	10
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	2	2	5	10
Fair.....	48	60	45	42
Good.....	45	33	42	34
Excellent.....	5	5	8	6
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	7
Poor.....	1	--	4	9
Fair.....	13	25	43	38
Good.....	76	67	46	39
Excellent.....	10	8	7	7
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	5	5	5	8
Fair.....	21	20	34	31
Good.....	70	72	55	48
Excellent.....	4	3	5	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	7	--	9
Poor.....	10	12	5	15
Fair.....	19	18	19	28
Good.....	41	41	54	37
Excellent.....	21	22	22	11
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	8
Poor.....	3	3	11	11
Fair.....	18	15	21	25
Good.....	63	65	59	47
Excellent.....	16	17	8	9
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	15	22	11	26
Good.....	69	60	79	58
Excellent.....	16	18	10	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	2	2	3
Poor.....	5	2	13	9
Fair.....	13	10	19	29
Good.....	28	33	28	32
Excellent.....	50	53	38	27

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/

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