

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 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 Phillips and Roosevelt counties reported some much needed moisture was received last week. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 75 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 83 percent in the previous week and 81 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 79 percent adequate to surplus compared to 74 percent the previous year. Barley headed was estimated at 86 percent, ahead of the previous year at 80 percent. Dry edible beans blooming is estimated at 76 percent complete. Dry edible peas blooming is almost complete, with an estimated 95 percent of the crop bloomed, equal to the previous year. Pulse crop harvesting has begun earlier than last year, with an estimated 1 percent of the dry pea crop harvested. Durum wheat headed is estimated at 65 percent complete, behind the previous year of 70 percent. The Durum wheat crop has begun turning color, with an estimated 5 percent of the crop in the coloring stage. The oilseed crop continues to progress well, with an estimated 81 percent of the flaxseed crop blooming, and mustard seed blooming is estimated at 90 percent complete. Oats headed is estimated at 73 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 61 percent. Spring wheat headed is estimated at 81 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year at 79 percent. The first cutting for alfalfa and other hay is progressing well, despite rain delaying harvest in some areas. First cutting alfalfa is estimated at 75 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 65 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 86 percent. First cutting of other hay is estimated at 69 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 59 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 83 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 81 percent of the crop turning color, ahead of the previous year at 66 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 88 percent. Harvest has begun for winter wheat, with an estimated 3 percent of the crop harvested, behind the 5-year average of 9 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 84 percent good to excellent, compared to 52 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	75	63	65	86
Barley				
Booted	98	92	96	NA
Headed.....	86	72	80	91
Turning color.....	30	5	22	48
Canola				
Blooming	86	74	86	NA
Turning color.....	25	8	31	39
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Blooming	76	58	36	NA
Dry edible peas				
Blooming	95	85	95	NA
Harvested.....	1	--	--	10
Durum wheat				
Booted	96	80	87	NA
Headed.....	65	56	70	83
Turning color.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming	81	65	74	NA
Turning color.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Lentils				
Blooming	96	86	85	NA
Mustard seed				
Blooming.....	90	74	84	NA
Turning color.....	25	10	20	30
Oats				
Booted	92	80	85	NA
Headed.....	73	56	61	82
Turning color.....	15	10	NA	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	69	60	59	83
Safflower				
Emerged.....	98	90	88	NA
Blooming	38	30	26	39
Turning color.....	4	--	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Booted	93	88	96	NA
Headed.....	81	68	79	88
Turning color.....	25	8	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Turning color.....	81	62	66	88
Harvested.....	3	--	--	9

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.....	6.7	5.9	6.2	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3	--	17
Short.....	23	14	19	33
Adequate.....	71	78	75	46
Surplus.....	4	5	6	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	3	1	13
Short.....	20	16	25	35
Adequate.....	73	75	71	48
Surplus.....	6	6	3	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	2
Poor.....	4	4	9	7
Fair.....	14	18	24	33
Good.....	37	42	42	41
Excellent.....	45	36	24	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	4	5
Fair.....	15	10	15	27
Good.....	67	72	65	54
Excellent.....	17	18	16	13
Dry peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	8
Poor.....	2	2	5	11
Fair.....	25	15	27	31
Good.....	55	67	55	40
Excellent.....	18	16	11	10
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	--	2	4	12
Fair.....	60	48	35	42
Good.....	32	45	48	34
Excellent.....	8	5	13	6
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	1	1	4	11
Fair.....	25	13	39	41
Good.....	62	76	46	35
Excellent.....	12	10	11	7
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	6
Poor.....	5	5	5	7
Fair.....	27	21	37	27
Good.....	63	70	51	51
Excellent.....	5	4	6	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	9	--	10
Poor.....	6	10	3	16
Fair.....	20	19	15	28
Good.....	51	41	56	36
Excellent.....	18	21	26	10
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	8
Poor.....	3	3	13	11
Fair.....	18	18	22	28
Good.....	57	63	53	43
Excellent.....	22	16	11	10
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	5
Fair.....	16	15	11	25
Good.....	68	69	75	55
Excellent.....	16	16	13	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	4	2	3
Poor.....	3	5	19	9
Fair.....	10	13	27	30
Good.....	28	28	30	35
Excellent.....	56	50	22	23

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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