

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 28, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Record-breaking heat with little precipitation was the norm for most of Montana this week but a few areas in the very east portion of the State received over an inch of moisture. Sunny, dry conditions were helpful to producers harvesting first cuttings of alfalfa and other hay, both of which were well ahead of the five year average with 54 percent and 57 percent complete respectively. Some locations received more hail damage this week and reporters are noting that the heat and dry conditions most of the State is experiencing will lead to rapidly deteriorating crop conditions without some rain soon. However, the 6.6 days suitable for field work this week allowed for crop development to jump ahead of normal for many types of crops and winter wheat is turning well ahead of the five year average with 46 percent turned. Pasture and soil moisture conditions declined a bit this week due to heat and lack of measurable precipitation in most areas.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting.....	54	22	26	24
Barley				
Boot stage.....	94	85	70	59
Headed.....	67	40	13	16
Camelina				
Emerged.....	99	92	71	93
Blooming.....	36	35	21	36
Canola				
Blooming.....	90	68	48	52
Turning.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Dry beans				
Emerged.....	88	87	80	89
Dry peas				
Blooming.....	80	53	58	49
Durum wheat				
Boot stage.....	52	34	22	22
Headed.....	14	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming.....	55	42	19	24
Lentils				
Blooming.....	56	40	34	28
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	90	87	87	97
Blooming.....	82	68	35	45
Turning.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Boot stage.....	82	70	48	49
Headed.....	30	6	NA	NA
Other hay				
First cutting.....	57	19	21	20
Potatoes				
Emerged.....	92	87	89	91
Safflower				
Emerged.....	86	85	81	88
Blooming.....	17	14	6	17
Spring wheat				
Boot stage.....	84	67	64	44
Headed.....	32	10	22	12
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	97	93	73	70
Turning.....	46	7	1	2

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	6.3	4.4	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	6	3	4
Short.....	39	33	18	13
Adequate.....	45	53	68	66
Surplus.....	7	8	11	17
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	4	5
Short.....	33	27	20	14
Adequate.....	51	57	67	65
Surplus.....	9	10	9	16

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	2	1	0	1
Poor.....	6	6	4	4
Fair.....	35	32	44	30
Good.....	44	43	40	49
Excellent.....	13	18	12	16
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	8	5	1	2
Poor.....	8	5	4	3
Fair.....	47	44	25	20
Good.....	35	44	69	57
Excellent.....	2	2	1	18
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	0	1
Poor.....	2	2	0	4
Fair.....	31	31	40	30
Good.....	56	56	53	55
Excellent.....	10	10	7	10
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	4	3	4
Poor.....	17	16	12	11
Fair.....	40	41	29	23
Good.....	31	32	41	41
Excellent.....	7	7	15	21
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	4	2	1	1
Poor.....	7	4	3	4
Fair.....	33	34	38	31
Good.....	44	51	50	53
Excellent.....	12	9	8	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	8	7	6	7
Fair.....	35	33	29	25
Good.....	35	38	49	46
Excellent.....	20	20	14	20

NA – not available

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Montana's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Montana/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2015/MT\\_Weather\\_06282015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/MT_Weather_06282015.pdf)