

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana was mostly hot and dry this week with limited precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures for the week ranged from the middle 80s to the upper 90s and low temperatures ranged from the lower 30s to the middle 50s. Precipitation was hit or miss this week and varied widely in amount where it did fall with the highest amount recorded coming from Saco at 1.46 inches of moisture. Soil moisture conditions currently remains above last year with 65 percent of topsoil rated adequate to surplus and 62 percent of subsoil rated adequate to surplus compared with 51 percent and 57 percent last year, respectively. Pulse crop harvest has begun with dry peas and lentils both at one percent complete. Winter wheat condition is rated 63 percent good to excellent which is ahead of last year's 55 percent. Pasture and range conditions were slightly down from the previous week with 43 percent rated good to excellent which was still higher than last year's 34 percent but below the five year average of 49 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting.....	85	63	74	50
Barley				
Boot stage.....	96	83	97	75
Headed.....	55	46	85	47
Turning.....	5	NA	8	NA
Camelina				
Emerged.....	90	88	100	97
Blooming.....	33	28	44	45
Canola				
Blooming.....	84	66	93	77
Turning.....	13	NA	12	6
Dry edible peas				
Blooming.....	95	82	92	72
Harvested.....	1	--	--	--
Durum wheat				
Boot stage.....	70	56	71	44
Headed.....	25	8	38	NA
Flaxseed				
Blooming.....	37	29	66	41
Lentils				
Blooming.....	87	72	72	50
Harvested.....	1	--	--	NA
Mustard seed				
Blooming.....	91	86	83	67
Turning.....	10	--	13	NA
Oats				
Boot stage.....	94	88	86	67
Headed.....	55	37	54	30
Other hay				
First cutting.....	84	63	73	45
Safflower				
Blooming.....	45	31	18	32
Spring wheat				
Boot stage.....	94	88	88	65
Headed.....	40	25	56	31
Winter wheat				
Turning.....	55	40	67	22

NA – not available

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(--)- zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.7	6.1	6.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	8	10	9
Short.....	23	21	39	27
Adequate.....	57	63	45	54
Surplus.....	8	8	6	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	9	9	8
Short.....	28	25	34	23
Adequate.....	58	62	48	58
Surplus.....	4	4	9	11

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	3	1	9	7
Fair.....	32	31	33	34
Good.....	41	43	43	43
Excellent.....	24	25	13	13
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	4
Fair.....	33	33	36	37
Good.....	54	55	49	47
Excellent.....	13	12	10	12
Dry Edible Peas				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	4	3	7	4
Fair.....	31	31	31	29
Good.....	51	52	46	53
Excellent.....	13	13	12	12
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	8	3
Poor.....	3	3	9	5
Fair.....	43	43	47	29
Good.....	47	47	35	49
Excellent.....	5	5	1	14
Lentils				
Very poor.....	2	2	6	3
Poor.....	2	2	6	5
Fair.....	36	36	41	32
Good.....	52	52	45	49
Excellent.....	8	8	2	11
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	3	2	2	5
Fair.....	28	30	31	36
Good.....	63	62	56	50
Excellent.....	6	6	10	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	4	6	7
Poor.....	17	14	19	15
Fair.....	35	36	41	29
Good.....	37	39	29	33
Excellent.....	6	7	5	16
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	4	2
Poor.....	3	3	8	6
Fair.....	29	28	35	35
Good.....	52	53	44	49
Excellent.....	14	14	9	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	2
Poor.....	6	6	8	9
Fair.....	29	29	35	26
Good.....	39	40	35	43
Excellent.....	24	24	20	20

¹Current conditions for Camelina, Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, Potatoes, Safflower, and Sugarbeets are available using the QuickStats on-line database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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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/2016/MT_Weather_07032016.pdf