

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had a week of mostly warm days and cool nights with scattered precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Daytime high temperatures for the week ranged from the lower 50s to 85 degrees in Scobey. Overnight lows were from the lower 20s to the upper 30s with a statewide low of 23 degrees in Heart Butte. West Yellowstone recorded the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 2.09 inches of moisture. Most other reporting stations reported receiving 0.00 to 1.63 inches of moisture. Producers harvesting corn for grain remain ahead of normal with 67 percent complete compared with a 5-year average of 51 percent harvested. Winter wheat seeding slowly continues due to wet fields with 91 percent complete which is behind both last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat emergence is now 82 percent, behind last year's 89 percent but ahead of the 5-year average of 76 percent. Winter wheat condition is currently rated 75 percent good to excellent compared with 73 percent last year and 53 percent for the 5-year average. Potato harvest continues behind last year and the 5-year average with 73 percent harvested compared with 81 percent last year and the 5-year average of 88 percent harvested. Sugarbeet harvest continued in muddy fields and progress is behind both last year's rate and the 5-year average with 61 percent complete so far. Pasture and rangeland conditions improved due to mild conditions and is rated 34 percent good to excellent which was better than last year's 19 percent and the 5-year average of 33 percent. Livestock producers continue to move stock off summer pastures at a slower pace than normal with 66 percent of cattle and calves moved and 82 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Livestock receiving supplemental feed remains well below last year with 14 percent of cattle and calves and 15 percent of sheep and lambs being fed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for Grain	67	54	57	51
Flaxseed				
Harvested	95	91	100	99
Potatoes				
Harvested	73	63	81	88
Safflower				
Harvested	87	65	75	89
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	61	44	82	91
Winter Wheat				
Planted	91	89	98	95
Emergence	82	78	89	76
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range	66	60	83	80
Receiving supplemental feed	14	11	36	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range	82	79	90	85
Receiving supplemental feed	15	12	35	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.2	5.4	6.2	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	9	11	10
Short.....	16	17	32	30
Adequate.....	60	56	50	56
Surplus.....	15	18	7	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	12	14
Short.....	21	22	34	31
Adequate.....	59	56	45	51
Surplus.....	9	11	9	4

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	13	13	12	14
Poor.....	19	20	29	19
Fair.....	34	36	40	34
Good.....	29	27	18	28
Excellent.....	5	4	1	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	21	NA	NA
Good.....	66	67	NA	NA
Excellent.....	13	10	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	3	2	6
Fair.....	23	26	25	40
Good.....	47	49	56	39
Excellent.....	28	22	17	14

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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_10302016.pdf