

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana started the month of November with another mostly mild week marked by 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 76 degrees in Biddle, Glendive and Ridgeway. Overnight lows were from the lower teens to the upper 30s with a statewide low of 12 degrees in Wisdom. Heron recorded the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 1.69 inches of moisture. Most other reporting stations reported receiving zero to 1.28 inches of moisture. Producers harvesting corn for grain remain ahead of normal with 71 percent complete compared with a 5-year average of 66 percent harvested. Winter wheat seeding is wrapping up with 93 percent complete which is behind both last year and the 5-year average due to precipitation. Winter wheat emergence is now at 85 percent, behind last year's 94 percent but ahead of the 5-year average of 83 percent. Winter wheat condition is currently rated 76 percent good to excellent compared with 73 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5-year average. Potato harvest continues behind last year and the 5-year average with 76 percent harvested compared with 88 percent last year and the 5-year average of 94 percent harvested. Sugarbeet harvest progress is behind both last year's rate and the 5-year average with 76 percent complete so far. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to improve due to mild conditions and is rated 35 percent good to excellent which was better than last year's 20 percent and the 5-year average of 32 percent. Livestock producers continue to move stock off summer pastures at a slower pace than normal with 71 percent of cattle and calves moved and 85 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Livestock receiving supplemental feed remains well below last year with 14 percent of cattle and calves and 19 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	71	67	68	66
Potatoes				
Harvested	76	73	88	94
Safflower				
Harvested	93	87	79	92
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	76	61	93	98
Winter Wheat				
Planted	93	91	100	97
Emergence	85	82	94	83
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range	71	66	90	86
Receiving supplemental feed	14	14	40	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range	85	82	94	91
Receiving supplemental feed	19	15	43	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.....	5.6	5.2	4.3	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	9	10	9
Short.....	17	16	24	27
Adequate.....	59	60	59	59
Surplus.....	15	15	7	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	11	12
Short.....	22	21	33	29
Adequate.....	58	59	47	54
Surplus.....	9	9	9	5

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.....	18	19	29	19
Fair.....	34	34	39	35
Good.....	29	29	19	26
Excellent.....	6	5	1	6
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	2	4
Fair.....	22	23	25	37
Good.....	48	47	57	44
Excellent.....	28	28	16	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_11062016.pdf