

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm days, cool nights and very little precipitation were the norm across Montana this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Daytime high temperatures for the week ranged from the upper 40s to 78 degrees in Loma. Overnight lows were from the mid teens to the lower 30s with a statewide low of 16 degrees in Wisdom. Heron recorded the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 0.15 of an inch of moisture. Most other reporting stations reported receiving zero to 0.12 of an inch of moisture. Producers harvesting corn for grain are progressing at the normal rate of speed for Montana with 73 percent complete, which is the same level of completion as last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat seeding is nearly finished for the season with 98 percent complete which is behind last year but right at the 5-year average. Winter wheat emergence is now at 90 percent, behind last year's 96 percent but ahead of the 5-year average of 88 percent. Winter wheat condition is currently rated 78 percent good to excellent compared with 73 percent last year and 52 percent for the 5-year average. Potato harvest continues behind last year and the 5-year average with 87 percent harvested compared with 94 percent last year and the 5-year average of 97 percent harvested. Sugarbeet harvest progress is behind both last year's rate and the 5-year average with 93 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 75 percent of cattle and calves moved and 86 percent of sheep and lambs moved. Livestock receiving supplemental feed remains well below last year thanks to good fall grazing conditions with 16 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 .....	73	71	73	73
Potatoes				
Harvested .....	87	76	94	97
Safflower				
Harvested .....	96	93	87	96
Sugarbeets				
Harvested .....	93	76	99	100
Winter Wheat				
Planted .....	98	93	100	98
Emergence .....	90	85	96	88
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range .....	75	71	94	90
Receiving supplemental feed .....	16	14	42	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range .....	86	85	99	94
Receiving supplemental feed .....	19	19	47	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.....	6.8	5.6	5.1	3.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	9	10	8
Short.....	18	17	23	28
Adequate.....	59	59	60	59
Surplus.....	14	15	7	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	12	13
Short.....	22	22	32	29
Adequate.....	58	58	47	54
Surplus.....	9	9	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.....	12	13	12	12
Poor.....	18	18	29	19
Fair.....	35	34	39	37
Good.....	29	29	19	27
Excellent.....	6	6	1	5
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	2	6
Fair.....	20	22	25	41
Good.....	49	48	57	38
Excellent.....	29	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\\_11132016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/MT_Weather_11132016.pdf)