

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite the state receiving precipitation in all regions there was no relief for some eastern parts of the state, and windy conditions negated much of the moisture gained according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Storms continued to slow fieldwork in western areas of the state, while in eastern Montana some operators began selling off livestock due to poor range conditions. Dry conditions continue to be a challenge in eastern Montana with Jordan at only 22% of normal precipitation since April 1, 2017; and the highest temperature of the week reported in Nashua at 86 degrees. North Central areas of the state had the highest precipitation with some areas receiving as much as 2.11 inches of moisture.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	95	86	98	98
Boot stage.....	30	5	60	46
Camelina				
Planted.....	85	80	98	96
Emerged.....	50	44	81	80
Canola				
Planted.....	88	85	98	99
Emerged.....	69	40	94	96
Corn				
Emerged.....	86	80	94	95
Dry edible beans				
Emerged.....	76	72	90	82
Blooming.....	12	1	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Emerged.....	91	87	100	100
Blooming.....	46	12	58	36
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	81	66	94	87
Boot stage.....	4	1	20	15
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	85	56	90	93
Blooming.....	2	NA	6	10
Lentils				
Emerged.....	88	77	98	96
Blooming.....	29	6	52	26
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	92	90	99	97
Emerged.....	61	42	92	92
Oats				
Planted.....	84	78	100	98
Emerged.....	76	64	99	96
Boot stage.....	19	4	61	43
Potatoes				
Planted.....	89	87	NA	NA
Emerged.....	79	57	79	74
Safflower				
Planted.....	45	35	93	95
Emerged.....	31	16	70	81
Spring wheat				
Emerged.....	87	83	99	97
Boot stage.....	30	10	58	37
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	97	82	NA	NA
Headed.....	79	39	87	58
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	97	93	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	15	15	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to summer ranges.....	98	91	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	17	17	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	21	26	8	6
Short.....	28	30	20	20
Adequate.....	49	42	64	64
Surplus.....	2	2	8	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	10	9	7
Short.....	26	26	25	22
Adequate.....	60	58	62	63
Surplus.....	3	6	4	8

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	6	4	1	5
Fair.....	30	22	29	34
Good.....	44	62	42	42
Excellent.....	17	9	28	18
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	8	6	--	2
Fair.....	40	40	33	38
Good.....	44	48	55	49
Excellent.....	8	6	12	10
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor.....	9	7	4	2
Fair.....	81	77	45	41
Good.....	6	13	44	51
Excellent.....	2	2	7	5
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	12	10	1	2
Poor.....	20	16	3	4
Fair.....	48	51	34	29
Good.....	15	18	49	53
Excellent.....	5	5	13	12
Lentils				
Very poor.....	7	5	2	3
Poor.....	16	14	2	5
Fair.....	48	53	42	34
Good.....	26	24	46	54
Excellent.....	3	4	8	4
Oats				
Very poor.....	16	12	--	1
Poor.....	15	12	2	4
Fair.....	40	44	27	35
Good.....	19	23	65	51
Excellent.....	10	9	6	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	9	4	4
Poor.....	12	13	14	15
Fair.....	25	28	36	34
Good.....	30	31	39	37
Excellent.....	19	19	7	10
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	13	11	1	1
Poor.....	24	20	2	4
Fair.....	44	46	25	31
Good.....	13	16	52	53
Excellent.....	6	7	20	11
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	10	10	--	5
Fair.....	48	63	16	26
Good.....	42	25	69	54
Excellent.....	--	2	15	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	4	2	2
Poor.....	9	9	6	8
Fair.....	44	42	28	27
Good.....	31	33	39	42
Excellent.....	12	12	25	21

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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/2017/MT_Weather_06182017.pdf