

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Extremely dry weather persisted across much of the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from 86 to 99 degrees. Low temperatures ranged from 28 degrees to the high 50s. Ninety-two stations recorded no precipitation, while 12 stations recorded between 0.01 and 0.76 of an inch. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Culbertson with 1.73 inches of moisture. Crop conditions continued to deteriorate due to a lack of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 97 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, as compared to 39 percent the previous year. Ninety-one percent of subsoil was rated very short to short, compared with 45 percent last year. Reporters noted fires as large as 80,000 acres exacerbated by dry conditions, which contributed to poor air quality. As harvest progressed Park and Gallatin counties were reporting good crop yields of average quality despite the drought.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested for grain	94	87	88	86
Camelina				
Coloring.....	82	70	93	99
Harvested.....	50	37	42	58
Canola				
Harvested.....	91	83	69	71
Corn				
Harvested for Silage	20	3	19	15
Dry edible beans				
Harvested.....	86	76	87	62
Dry edible peas				
Harvested.....	98	94	95	93
Durum wheat				
Harvested for grain	84	81	77	61
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	89	78	38	54
Mustard seed				
Harvested.....	80	74	81	65
Oats				
Harvested.....	91	78	89	83
Other hay				
Second cutting	90	75	89	74
Safflower				
Blooming.....	95	85	NA	NA
Coloring.....	77	56	94	88
Harvested.....	36	9	35	10
Spring wheat				
Harvested for grain	93	85	85	76
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	2	--	--	1
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	17	14	24	16
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture	18	16	24	20

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 field work	7.0	6.6	5.5	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	77	73	14	20
Short	20	24	25	29
Adequate	3	3	54	44
Surplus	--	--	7	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	56	53	15	18
Short	35	36	30	31
Adequate	9	11	52	46
Surplus	--	--	3	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)
Camelina				
Very poor	28	28	--	NA
Poor	18	18	1	NA
Fair	52	52	38	NA
Good	2	2	59	NA
Excellent	--	--	2	NA
Corn				
Very poor	5	8	--	1
Poor	13	15	3	6
Fair	47	50	30	33
Good	33	26	53	45
Excellent	2	1	14	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	44	41	15	16
Poor	29	26	21	19
Fair	22	25	34	32
Good	5	8	25	27
Excellent	--	--	5	6
Potatoes				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	1	1	2	NA
Fair	9	10	5	NA
Good	61	53	47	NA
Excellent	29	36	46	NA
Safflower				
Very poor	27	32	--	2
Poor	30	26	--	5
Fair	42	42	7	23
Good	1	--	78	58
Excellent	--	--	15	12
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	2	--	1
Poor	11	11	1	5
Fair	57	57	17	23
Good	27	28	65	52
Excellent	2	2	17	19

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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_09032017.pdf