

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana experienced winter storms, with precipitation throughout the state and high winds in the northern areas of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters noted that snowy conditions led to livestock receiving hay in many areas of the state. High temperatures ranged from 32 degrees in Scobey to 72 degrees in Gardiner. Low temperatures ranged from -10 degrees in Choteau to 29 degrees in Jordan. Eighty-nine weather stations reported moisture. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Gardiner with 3.70 inches of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 40 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, compared to 26 percent the previous year. Precipitation improved subsoil condition which was rated 65 percent very short to short, though is still dry compared with 33 percent very short to short last year. Winter wheat emergence was 83 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 85 percent. Potato harvest was 96 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress of 76 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 65 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 70 percent. Sugarbeet harvest was 95 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress of 74 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	65	51	70	71
Potatoes				
Harvested	96	93	76	90
Safflower				
Harvested	85	75	92	93
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	95	78	74	93
Winter wheat				
Planted	97	95	93	96
Emerged.....	83	79	85	85
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	80	71	70	82
Receiving Supplemental Feed	42	35	14	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture.....	84	80	85	90
Receiving Supplemental Feed	45	22	19	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 field work	3.2	6.0	5.6	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	16	9	8
Short	27	28	17	22
Adequate	50	52	59	63
Surplus	10	4	15	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	24	27	11	11
Short	41	43	22	27
Adequate	33	30	58	56
Surplus	2	--	9	6

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	37	40	13	15
Poor	29	27	18	20
Fair	22	22	34	34
Good	11	10	29	26
Excellent	1	1	6	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	3	--	1
Poor	8	9	2	3
Fair	47	66	22	33
Good	38	21	48	44
Excellent	5	1	28	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_11052017.pdf