

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana experienced snow and cold throughout 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, and that field work for the state had likely concluded for the season. High temperatures ranged from 26 degrees in Saco to 59 degrees in Broadus. Low temperatures ranged from -17 degrees in White Sulphur Springs to 23 degrees in Thompson Falls. Eighty-one weather stations reported moisture. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in West Yellowstone with 1.24 inches of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 45 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, compared to 27 percent the previous year. Subsoil condition was rated 68 percent very short to short, though is still dry compared with 33 percent very short to short last year. Winter wheat emergence was 90 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress of 89 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 72 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 73 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	72	65	73	75
Safflower				
Harvested	95	85	96	96
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	90	83	89	88
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	86	80	74	87
Receiving Supplemental Feed	45	42	16	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture	89	84	86	93
Receiving Supplemental Feed	55	45	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	2.3	3.2	6.8	3.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	15	13	9	8
Short	30	27	18	24
Adequate	52	50	59	61
Surplus	3	10	14	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	27	24	11	13
Short	41	41	22	27
Adequate	32	33	58	54
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	34	37	12	14
Poor	29	29	18	20
Fair	26	22	35	35
Good	10	11	29	27
Excellent	1	1	6	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	2	--	1
Poor	6	8	2	4
Fair	52	47	20	35
Good	38	38	49	40
Excellent	1	5	29	20

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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_11122017.pdf