

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana experienced warmer weather with limited participation throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from 49 degrees in Millegam to 74 degrees in Forsyth and Melstone. Low temperatures ranged from -3 degrees in Scobey to 32 degrees in Creston. Thirteen of the 105 weather stations reported over half an inch of moisture. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Seeley Lake with 2.16 inches of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 43 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, compared to 28 percent the previous year. Subsoil condition was rated 64 percent very short to short, compared with 34 percent very short to short last year. Corn for grain harvest was 81 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 86 percent complete.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2017. Next year's Montana weekly report will begin in April 2018.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Tuesday, January 2, 2018; for January on Monday, January 29, 2018; for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2017 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	81	77	86	83
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	95	93	95	92
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	90	88	87	95
Receiving supplemental feed	63	54	22	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture	93	91	91	97
Receiving supplemental feed	64	57	27	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	5.0	4.0	6.4	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	15	14	9	NA
Short	28	28	19	NA
Adequate	51	54	62	NA
Surplus	6	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	22	21	10	NA
Short	42	41	24	NA
Adequate	35	38	57	NA
Surplus	1	--	9	NA

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	40	36	12	NA
Poor	25	30	16	NA
Fair	25	24	38	NA
Good	9	9	29	NA
Excellent	1	1	5	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	--	NA
Poor	12	8	2	NA
Fair	52	53	21	NA
Good	27	35	49	NA
Excellent	6	1	28	NA

NA – not available

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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_11262017.pdf