



Crop Weather Report

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Weather Summary

The month of November was largely dry and warm for most of Montana, aside from a winter storm early in the month that brought record setting snow fall to parts of the state. Thompson Falls received the largest amount of precipitation for the week with 2.94 inches of moisture and most other stations saw 0.18 to 2.47 inches of precipitation. High temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to lower 70s, with the state-wide high temperature of 76 degrees recorded in Hysham. A majority of stations reported lows below 0 degrees to the mid 20s. The coldest reported low of -16 degrees was recorded in Cut Bank and Lakeview followed by Scobey and Shelby with -15 degrees.

The weather outlook for December 3rd through December 9th is for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation both east and west of the Continental Divide. Normal temperatures for this period in Montana are highs in the mid 20s to the mid 30s, with lows in 5 to 20 degrees.

Topsoil moisture adequate and surplus is 50 percent compared with 54 percent last year. Subsoil moisture was 35 percent adequate and surplus compared to 55 percent last year.

Soil Moisture Table	This Month	Last Year
Topsoil Moisture		
Very Short	23	9
Short	27	37
Adequate	47	52
Surplus	3	2
Subsoil Moisture		
Very Short	31	11
Short	34	34
Adequate	35	51
Surplus	0	4

Livestock Report

Range and pasture feed condition is 6 percent good to excellent compared to 41 percent last year with reports of drought damage in the south. Supplemental feeding of livestock is still well ahead of last year with 69 percent of cattle and 74 percent of sheep receiving feed compared to 33 percent of cattle and 39 percent of sheep last year.

Range & Livestock Table	This Month	Last Year
Range and Pasture Feed Condition		
Very Poor	43	6
Poor	27	16
Fair	24	37
Good	6	33
Excellent	0	8
Livestock Receiving Supplemental Feed		
Cattle	69	33
Sheep	74	39

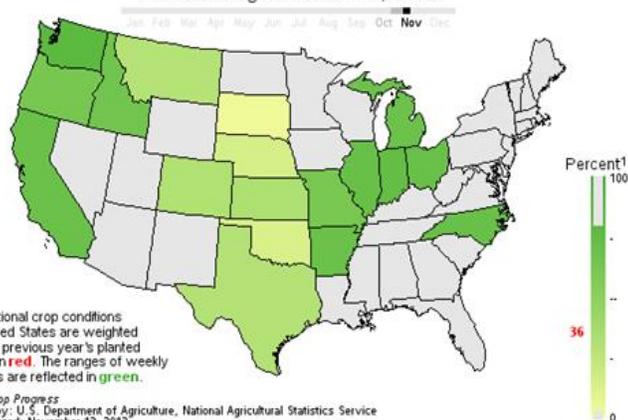
Field Crops Report

Harvest of corn for grain continues ahead of normal despite weather delays with 78 percent harvested compared to 70 percent last year. Winter wheat condition is just behind last year with 29 percent good to excellent and 36 percent last year. Planting and emergences are slightly behind last year with 97 percent planted and 68 percent emerged.

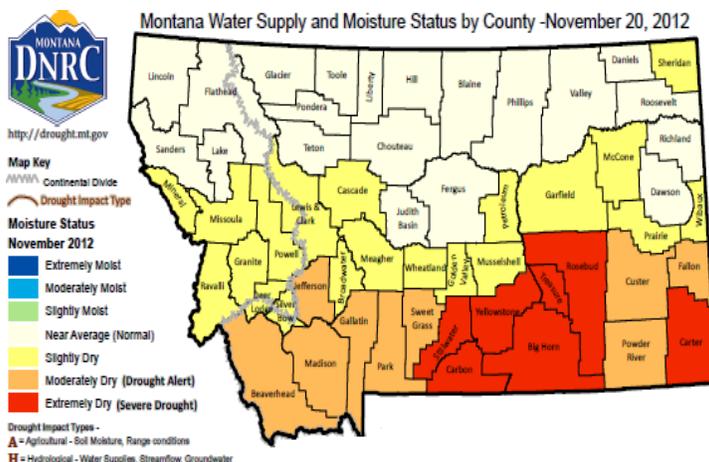
Crop Condition and Progress Table	This Month	Last Year
Winter Wheat		
Very Poor	2	1
Poor	7	8
Fair	62	55
Good	27	33
Excellent	2	3
Harvested		
Corn for Grain	78	70
Planted		
Winter Wheat	97	100
Emerged		
Winter Wheat	68	89

For the latest winter wheat condition information, as well as pasture and soil conditions, please visit:
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/cpcs/index.htm>.

Winter Wheat Condition, Good + Excellent
Week Ending November 11, 2012



For the latest information from the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee please visit:
<http://nrir.mt.gov/Drought/status/>.



THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/mt/>

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Weather Information for the month ending 11/25/2012

Station	Temperature				Precipitation November			Precipitation October 1 to date		
	Hi	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	% Nrm	Total	DFN	% Nrm
NORTHWEST										
Alberton	66	20	38	+6	1.68	+0.91	218	3.71	+2.11	232
Anaconda	64	-2	35	+4	1.14	+0.41	156	2.32	+0.75	148
Clinton	65	12	38	+11	1.30	+0.09	107	3.14	+0.90	140
Corvallis	67	14	38	+5	1.58	+0.89	229	2.48	+1.03	171
Creston	68	19	38	+6	1.65	+0.39	131	4.15	+1.65	166
Deer Lodge	67	-7	33	+2	0.62	+0.28	182	1.12	+0.22	124
Drummond	65	4	37	+7	1.23	+0.58	189	2.71	+1.30	192
Hamilton	71	16	39	+6	1.31	+0.39	142	2.89	+1.19	170
Kalispell	66	16	38	+7	1.36	+0.17	114	4.15	+1.99	192
Missoula	67	19	39	+7	1.06	+0.29	138	2.66	+1.06	166
Olney	61	10	33	+7	2.44	+0.44	122	5.31	+1.86	154
Polson	65	19	38	+4	0.66	-0.30	69	2.65	+0.63	131
St Ignatius	70	19	40	+6	0.63	-0.23	73	2.08	+0.04	102
Seeley Lake	62	7	36	+6	1.98	+0.12	106	4.83	+1.59	149
Sula	63	10	37	+7	1.23	+0.23	123	2.90	+0.73	134
Superior	68	12	39	+5	1.64	+0.27	120	3.44	+0.91	136
Swan Lake	64	9	36	+7	2.02	-0.91	69	4.73	-0.39	92
Thompson Falls	65	24	40	+4	2.94	+0.72	132	5.94	+2.03	152
West Glacier	58	9	35	+5	2.47	-0.10	96	8.03	+3.36	172
NORTH CENTRAL										
Chester	60	-14	30	+2	0.97	+0.67	323	1.95	+1.17	250
Chinook	67	-12	29	+2	0.75	+0.37	197	2.50	+1.49	248
Choteau	64	-11	37	+5	0.71	+0.47	296	2.00	+1.25	267
Cut Bank	63	-16	35	+6	0.54	+0.17	146	1.19	+0.37	145
Ft Assiniboine	67	-9	32	+3	0.66	+0.25	161	1.93	+0.76	165
Fort Benton	71	-13	35	+1	0.81	+0.33	169	2.44	+1.17	192
Goldbutte	64	-18	32	+3	0.66	+0.21	147	2.12	+0.94	180
Harlem	67	-9	31	+2	0.78	+0.47	252	2.66	+1.82	317
Havre	68	-2	32	+4	0.83	+0.48	237	1.99	+1.03	207
Malta	69	-9	30	+4	0.86	+0.41	191	2.09	+0.88	173
Rudyard	65	-6	31	+2	0.77	+0.52	308	2.27	+1.57	324
Shelby	63	-15	32	+3	0.55	+0.14	134	1.52	+0.53	154
Turner	64	-10	29	+2	1.12	+0.62	224	1.93	+1.01	210
Valier	61	-7	35	+4	0.66	+0.35	213	2.36	+1.46	262
NORTHEAST										
Bredette	59	-5	28	+0	0.66	+0.34	206	1.63	+0.62	161
Culbertson	68	-4	28	-1	1.03	+0.63	258	3.08	+1.88	257
Glasgow	69	-8	30	+2	0.64	+0.31	194	1.56	+0.53	151
Glendive	69	4	34	+4	0.40	-0.03	93	2.25	+0.84	160
Jordan	71	-6	35	+6	0.74	+0.36	195	2.13	+0.89	172
Nashua	69	-11	30	-4	0.70	+0.45	280	1.71	+0.68	166
Opheim	55	-13	26	+2	7.12	+6.89	3096	7.95	+7.07	903
Plentywood	63	-8	26	-2	1.04	+0.69	297	1.97	+0.92	188
St Marie	61	-6	29	+0	0.46	+0.13	139	1.51	+0.48	147
Scobey	61	-15	27	+3	0.91	+0.63	325	1.71	+0.79	186
Sidney	58	0	31	+0	0.81	+0.29	156	3.05	+1.52	199
Wolf Point	65	-8	29	-2	0.54	+0.20	159	1.68	+0.65	163
CENTRAL										
Cascade	62	-9	37	+5	1.21	+0.72	247	2.48	+1.10	180
Grass Range	70	1	37	+5	1.50	+1.00	300	3.07	+1.66	218
Great Falls	69	-5	41	+8	1.39	+0.90	284	2.76	+1.36	197
Harlowton	68	-2	37	+5	0.84	+0.38	183	2.00	+0.78	164
Helena	67	-7	37	+6	1.74	+1.32	414	2.39	+1.32	223
Lewistown	64	-6	37	+6	0.53	-0.10	84	2.07	+0.39	123
Martinsdale	66	-6	38	+7	0.83	+0.36	177	1.91	+0.68	155
Neihart	62	8	36	+5	1.19	+0.34	140	2.66	+0.45	120
Rogers Pass	66	-5	35	+6	1.38	+0.83	251	3.04	+1.31	176
Roundup	74	3	40	+6	0.51	+0.23	182	1.91	+0.62	148
Ryegate	71	-1	35	+5	0.55	+0.11	125	2.02	+0.82	168
Stanford	66	-1	37	+4	0.85	+0.33	163	2.46	+0.97	165
Townsend	69	-6	36	+3	0.50	+0.16	147	1.07	+0.13	114
Valentine	71	-8	34	+5	0.53	+0.07	115	2.35	+1.21	206
Wht Sulphur Spr	64	-6	36	+6	0.65	+0.27	171	1.16	-0.19	86
SOUTHWEST										
Boulder	64	-9	33	+3	0.72	+0.22	144	1.49	+0.38	134
Bozeman	67	-4	36	+6	0.86	+0.09	112	1.26	-0.86	59
Butte	65	-11	33	+6	0.89	+0.39	178	1.25	-0.03	98
Dillon	66	-7	37	+6	0.39	+0.09	130	1.04	+0.11	112
Ennis	68	-14	37	+5	1.27	+0.77	254	1.88	+0.37	125
Lakeview	55	-16	31	+7	0.62	-0.39	61	1.31	-1.13	54
W Yellowstone	62	-12	30	+8	1.56	-0.08	95	2.99	+0.04	101
Wisdom	62	-9	33	+9	1.52	+0.82	217	2.26	+0.83	158
SOUTH CENTRAL										
Billings	73	6	43	+9	0.32	-0.32	50	1.56	-0.32	83
Cooke City	58	0	29	+8	1.10	-0.61	64	3.23	-0.07	98
Gardiner	63	1	38	+6	0.61	+0.04	107	0.94	-0.33	74
Hardin	75	3	40	+5	0.28	-0.25	53	1.77	-0.03	98
Huntley	75	4	38	+6	0.30	-0.22	58	1.40	-0.25	85
Hysham	76	5	38	+6	0.30	-0.22	58	1.62	-0.07	96
Joliet	71	-2	37	+5	0.15	-0.43	26	0.86	-1.26	41
Livingston	70	-1	43	+10	0.89	+0.26	141	1.85	+0.04	102
Nye	65	-5	41	+6	0.76	+0.13	121	2.23	+0.19	109
Rapelje	73	-6	39	+6	0.22	-0.36	38	1.17	-0.64	65
SOUTHEAST										
Albion	70	2	37	+9	0.18	-0.23	44	0.35	-1.18	23
Baker	70	0	36	+6	0.87	+0.35	167	2.03	+0.28	116
Broadus	73	-2	37	+4	0.51	-0.01	98	1.47	-0.28	84
Ekalaka	69	0	36	+5	0.47	-0.20	70	2.05	-0.19	92
Miles City	70	-2	37	+5	0.36	-0.09	80	1.42	-0.15	90
Plevna	69	-9	35	+6	0.57	+0.05	110	2.18	+0.43	125

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