

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drier conditions across the state made for excellent haying in the northwestern part of the state, while dryland crops and pasture conditions continued to decline in the rest of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High winds in the eastern half of the state exacerbated drought conditions, where grains were being harvested for feed due to a lack of dryland hay. Dry conditions continue to be a challenge in central and eastern Montana with Jordan at only 20 percent of normal precipitation since April 1, 2017. The most precipitation for the week was received in Culbertson and Forsyth with 0.32 inches. The highest temperature of the week was reported in Biddle at 95 degrees. The low for the week was reported in West Yellowstone at 25 degrees.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Boot stage..... | 66 | 30 | 80 | 71 |
| Headed..... | 5 | -- | 41 | 28 |
| Camelina | | | | |
| Planted..... | 95 | 85 | 100 | 99 |
| Emerged..... | 60 | 50 | 87 | 89 |
| Blooming..... | 1 | NA | 26 | NA |
| Canola | | | | |
| Planted..... | 90 | 88 | 100 | 100 |
| Emerged..... | 76 | 69 | 97 | 98 |
| Blooming..... | 6 | NA | 60 | 55 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 90 | 86 | 97 | 98 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 86 | 76 | 95 | 90 |
| Blooming..... | 43 | 12 | NA | NA |
| Dry edible peas | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 94 | 91 | 100 | 100 |
| Blooming..... | 71 | 46 | 80 | 60 |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 91 | 81 | 97 | 94 |
| Boot stage..... | 31 | 4 | 51 | 33 |
| Headed..... | 9 | NA | NA | NA |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 95 | 85 | 95 | 97 |
| Blooming..... | 29 | 2 | 26 | 23 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 94 | 88 | 100 | 99 |
| Blooming..... | 52 | 29 | 70 | 41 |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Planted..... | 99 | 92 | 100 | 99 |
| Emerged..... | 73 | 61 | 96 | 94 |
| Blooming..... | 6 | NA | 83 | 52 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Planted..... | 95 | 84 | 100 | 99 |
| Emerged..... | 90 | 76 | 100 | 98 |
| Boot stage..... | 38 | 19 | 85 | 64 |
| Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted..... | 92 | 87 | NA | NA |
| Emerged..... | 84 | 79 | 93 | 90 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Planted..... | 52 | 36 | 97 | 98 |
| Emerged..... | 50 | 31 | 92 | 91 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 90 | 87 | 100 | 99 |
| Boot stage..... | 68 | 30 | 84 | 60 |
| Headed..... | 14 | -- | 22 | 16 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Headed..... | 93 | 79 | 95 | 80 |
| Coloring..... | 7 | -- | 36 | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 3 | 15 | NA | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 2 | 17 | NA | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 6.9 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 30 | 21 | 8 | 8 |
| Short..... | 39 | 28 | 21 | 25 |
| Adequate..... | 31 | 49 | 63 | 60 |
| Surplus..... | -- | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 14 | 11 | 9 | 9 |
| Short..... | 48 | 26 | 25 | 24 |
| Adequate..... | 38 | 60 | 62 | 60 |
| Surplus..... | -- | 3 | 4 | 7 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 3 | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 37 | 30 | 31 | 36 |
| Good..... | 29 | 44 | 43 | 43 |
| Excellent..... | 25 | 17 | 25 | 15 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 8 | 8 | -- | 2 |
| Fair..... | 38 | 40 | 33 | 35 |
| Good..... | 46 | 44 | 55 | 51 |
| Excellent..... | 6 | 8 | 12 | 12 |
| Dry edible peas | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 5 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 18 | 20 | 3 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 49 | 48 | 31 | 28 |
| Good..... | 17 | 15 | 52 | 55 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 5 | 13 | 12 |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| Poor..... | 22 | 17 | 3 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 57 | 62 | 43 | 30 |
| Good..... | 14 | 12 | 47 | 57 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| Poor..... | 16 | 16 | 2 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 53 | 48 | 36 | 34 |
| Good..... | 25 | 26 | 52 | 55 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 11 | 16 | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | 16 | 15 | 2 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 36 | 40 | 30 | 33 |
| Good..... | 22 | 19 | 62 | 54 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 10 | 6 | 9 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 14 | 4 | 6 |
| Poor..... | 18 | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 30 | 25 | 36 | 32 |
| Good..... | 29 | 30 | 39 | 36 |
| Excellent..... | 15 | 19 | 7 | 10 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 9 | 13 | 2 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 27 | 24 | 3 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 42 | 44 | 28 | 32 |
| Good..... | 11 | 13 | 53 | 50 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 6 | 14 | 11 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 13 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 46 | 44 | 29 | 59 |
| Good..... | 25 | 31 | 40 | 41 |
| Excellent..... | 14 | 12 | 24 | 20 |

¹Current conditions for Camelina, Canola, Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, Potatoes, and Sugarbeets are available using the QuickStats online database at: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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_06252017.pdf