

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm, dry weather was observed throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Ennis at 74 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Plevna, Scobey and Wibaux at 16 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 77 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Melstone with 2.19 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 65 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 56 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 50 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 30 percent. Producers were able to catch up on fall work that had been delayed due to weather conditions in late September and early October. Potato harvest was 85 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 93 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 54 percent complete, which aligns with the 5-year average. Winter wheat seeded was 94 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 96 percent. Cattle and sheep are coming off summer range in good condition. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 66 percent of cattle and 62 percent of sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	54	37	50	54
Flaxseed				
Harvested	99	92	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Harvested	85	79	93	82
Safflower				
Harvested	80	70	74	83
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	87	60	76	77
Winter wheat				
Planted	94	86	95	96
Emerged.....	76	59	77	81
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	66	55	70	74
Receiving supplemental feed	20	25	35	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	62	45	79	83
Receiving supplemental feed	20	25	22	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.6
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	16	9
Short.....	28	33	28	24
Adequate.....	64	59	52	60
Surplus.....	1	1	4	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	10	27	12
Short.....	37	38	43	28
Adequate.....	50	52	30	55
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Poor.....	4	7	14	NA
Fair.....	18	22	39	NA
Good.....	61	52	37	NA
Excellent.....	17	19	6	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	7	40	15
Poor.....	15	15	27	19
Fair.....	27	33	22	33
Good.....	44	39	10	28
Excellent.....	5	6	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	2	3	9	4
Fair.....	14	12	66	34
Good.....	74	69	21	41
Excellent.....	10	16	1	20

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/2018/MT-Weather-10282018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-10282018.pdf)

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