

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cold temperatures and a few snow storms were 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 Choteau, Loma, and Stanford at 65 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in West Yellowstone at -6 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 72 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Gardiner with 4.80 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 85 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 57 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 70 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 36 percent. Corn for grain harvest was almost finished at 91 percent complete, slightly above the 5-year average of 83 percent. Winter wheat emerged was 93 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 97 percent. Mild weather and timely precipitation continues to allow for extended fall grazing. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 87 percent of cattle and 91 percent of sheep moved.

**Note:** This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2018. Next year's Montana weekly report will begin in April 2019.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Wednesday, January 2, 2019; for January on Monday, January 28, 2019; for February on Monday, February 25, 2019; and for March on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2018 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	91	78	80	83
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	93	92	95	97
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	87	86	90	92
Receiving supplemental feed .....	35	40	63	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	91	89	93	96
Receiving supplemental feed .....	35	40	64	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.....	3.2	2.8	5.0	NA
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	4	15	NA
Short.....	13	14	28	NA
Adequate.....	81	80	51	NA
Surplus.....	4	2	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	11	22	NA
Short.....	22	23	42	NA
Adequate.....	70	65	35	NA
Surplus.....	--	1	1	NA

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	11	40	NA
Poor.....	15	16	25	NA
Fair.....	35	29	25	NA
Good.....	32	29	9	NA
Excellent.....	10	15	1	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	NA
Poor.....	3	2	12	NA
Fair.....	17	19	52	NA
Good.....	58	60	27	NA
Excellent.....	22	19	6	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/2018/MT-Weather-11252018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-11252018.pdf)

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