

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures coupled with varied moisture totals proved challenging for producers, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were as many as 12 degrees or more above normal in portions of the northeast according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Precipitation was varied. Much of the State received moisture levels at or above normal, also according to the HPRCC. Some areas received rainfall totaling 4 inches or more. In other areas, precipitation levels were below normal. Changes in drought conditions were minimal according to the United States Drought Monitor report published on June 8, 2023. The amount of land rated drought-free stood at 51.4 percent, up slightly from 50.1 percent the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in 30.2 percent of Montana, down from 30.3 percent last week. Moderate drought was found in 14.9 percent of the State, down from 16.9 percent on the previous report. Severe drought increased slightly to 3.5 percent, up 0.8 percentage points. Ranges improved in areas that received significant rainfall, but field activities became difficult. Seeding and hay harvest were delayed in some counties due to the wet conditions. Fungal disease and crop stress remained issues in areas that received excessive moisture. Subsoil moisture, however, was still insufficient in Roosevelt County. Widespread grasshopper infestations were ongoing concerns.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	95	89	100	98
Emerged.....	88	72	96	90
Booted.....	5	2	19	14
Canola				
Planted.....	82	77	93	87
Emerged.....	73	57	76	60
Corn				
Planted.....	88	78	78	87
Emerged.....	71	51	62	61
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	94	92	90	NA
Emerged.....	88	83	71	57
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	93	92	NA	NA
Emerged.....	89	74	93	84
Blooming.....	2	NA	1	4
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	88	87	97	NA
Emerged.....	71	61	84	66
Booted.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	91	84	82	84
Emerged.....	73	67	47	54
Lentils				
Planted.....	93	90	NA	NA
Emerged.....	83	70	89	80
Booted.....	2	NA	13	5
Mustard seed				
Emerged.....	87	79	77	68
Blooming.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	94	86	96	NA
Emerged.....	87	70	78	78
Booted.....	1	NA	14	6
Safflower				
Planted.....	79	62	93	69
Emerged.....	37	26	34	35
Blooming.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	95	88	99	98
Emerged.....	90	77	94	90
Booted.....	12	2	16	9
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	43	40	91	NA
Emerged.....	13	8	55	78
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	84	61	74	63
Headed.....	32	7	13	15
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	92	80	92	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	14	12	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	95	94	NA	NA
Moved to pasture.....	89	75	93	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	3	4	NA	NA

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	5.1	4.3	5.0	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	16	8
Short	12	7	39	26
Adequate.....	81	87	44	61
Surplus.....	6	5	1	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	51	15
Short	22	22	28	24
Adequate.....	73	74	20	57
Surplus.....	2	1	1	4

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing accessibility				
Open	95	96	NA	NA
Difficult	3	3	NA	NA
Closed.....	2	1	NA	NA
Barely				
Very poor	1	--	14	4
Poor	8	3	34	12
Fair.....	53	46	40	22
Good	37	46	12	52
Excellent	1	5	--	10
Corn				
Very poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor	9	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	38	NA	NA	NA
Good	52	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	--	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Very poor	1	NA	9	3
Poor	3	NA	20	7
Fair.....	51	NA	49	35
Good	45	NA	22	53
Excellent	--	NA	--	2
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	1	NA	1	NA
Poor	1	NA	3	NA
Fair.....	64	NA	20	NA
Good	34	NA	76	NA
Excellent	--	NA	--	NA
Lentils				
Very poor	1	NA	4	1
Poor	2	NA	9	7
Fair.....	50	NA	47	37
Good	47	NA	40	53
Excellent	--	NA	--	2
Mustard seed				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	1	--	1	5
Fair.....	86	93	94	38
Good	13	7	1	54
Excellent	--	--	--	2
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	4	24	11
Poor	11	9	28	15
Fair.....	53	46	25	24
Good	34	36	20	38
Excellent	--	5	3	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor	1	--	9	3
Poor	4	1	21	8
Fair.....	47	41	55	30
Good	48	57	15	55
Excellent	--	1	--	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	--	14	5
Poor	7	2	28	12
Fair.....	47	40	42	24
Good	44	53	16	37
Excellent	1	5	--	22

¹Current conditions for Dry Edible Beans, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, and Oats are available using the QuickStats on-line database at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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