

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Both temperature and precipitation varied across the State according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center indicated temperatures were mostly below normal, with higher moisture levels in the south. The amount of land rated drought free jumped to 68.4 percent according to the US Drought Monitor report published June 15, 2023. Crop progression was above average in some fields due to the seasonable temperatures and recent rains. In other areas, progression remained unchanged. Fungal disease and insect infestations were on the rise in some fields.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	2	NA	5	11
Barley				
Emerged	90	88	98	95
Booted.....	24	5	33	30
Headed	3	NA	4	4
Canola				
Planted.....	83	82	98	94
Emerged	74	73	84	73
Blooming.....	4	--	3	7
Corn				
Planted.....	91	88	93	NA
Emerged	83	71	74	76
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	95	94	98	NA
Emerged	89	88	80	73
Blooming.....	1	NA	4	NA
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	96	93	NA	NA
Emerged	94	89	NA	NA
Blooming.....	23	2	13	12
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	96	88	NA	NA
Emerged	94	71	95	80
Booted.....	5	1	9	9
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	91	91	89	NA
Emerged	75	73	54	66
Lentils				
Planted.....	94	93	NA	NA
Emerged	91	83	95	89
Blooming.....	2	2	28	12
Mustard seed				
Emerged	90	87	84	81
Blooming.....	23	7	18	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	95	94	NA	NA
Emerged	89	87	89	88
Booted.....	1	1	28	15
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	2	NA	9	10
Safflower				
Planted.....	79	79	NA	NA
Emerged	46	37	39	45
Blooming.....	3	2	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Emerged	96	90	98	96
Booted.....	39	12	42	26
Headed	2	NA	--	4
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	44	43	NA	NA
Emerged	30	13	77	89
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	87	84	81	79
Headed	52	32	36	38
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	92	92	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	3	14	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture	91	89	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	1	3	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	6.4	5.1	4.5	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	1	19	9
Short	18	12	30	23
Adequate.....	72	81	50	65
Surplus.....	5	6	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	3	43	15
Short	19	22	27	23
Adequate.....	66	73	29	60
Surplus.....	7	2	1	2

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)
Grazing accessibility				
Open	94	95	NA	NA
Difficult	6	3	NA	NA
Closed.....	--	2	NA	NA
Barely				
Very poor	1	1	10	4
Poor	10	8	30	12
Fair.....	59	53	38	24
Good	28	37	20	47
Excellent	2	1	2	13
Canola				
Very poor	7	NA	2	--
Poor	7	NA	11	4
Fair.....	19	NA	52	25
Good	67	NA	35	59
Excellent	--	NA	--	12
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	1	1
Poor	15	9	20	7
Fair.....	33	38	70	41
Good	49	52	9	44
Excellent	2	--	--	7
Dry edible peas				
Very poor	1	1	6	3
Poor	3	3	13	7
Fair.....	60	51	50	35
Good	36	45	31	52
Excellent	--	--	--	3
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	2	1	1	--
Poor	10	1	2	3
Fair.....	60	64	14	41
Good	28	34	83	51
Excellent	--	--	--	5
Lentils				
Very poor	1	1	4	1
Poor	2	2	5	5
Fair.....	59	50	49	40
Good	38	47	42	51
Excellent	--	--	--	3
Mustard seed				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	1	--	6
Fair.....	77	86	95	40
Good	22	13	4	49
Excellent	--	--	--	5
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	2	22	11
Poor	7	11	21	15
Fair.....	44	53	25	23
Good	38	34	29	41
Excellent	9	--	3	10
Spring wheat				
Very poor	1	1	5	3
Poor	7	4	16	9
Fair.....	52	47	54	32
Good	39	48	24	51
Excellent	1	--	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	10	4
Poor	7	7	35	14
Fair.....	56	47	38	23
Good	35	44	15	33
Excellent	1	1	2	26

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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