

Montana Drought & Water Supply Advisory Committee



USDA, NASS
Mountain Regional Field Office
Christel Pachl
Statistician

September 1, 2017 Montana Crop Production

Crop	Unit	Sept '17	% Chg from prev year
Dry Peas			
Harvested	(000) Ac	500	-14
Yield	Lbs	1050	-46
Production	(000)Cwt	5,250	-54
Sugarbeets			
Harvested	(000) Ac	42.0	-7
Yield	Tons	34.3	-2
Production	(000)Tons	1,441	-9

September 1, 2017 Montana Crop Production

Crop	Unit	Sept '17	% Chg from prev year
Lentils			
Harvested	(000) Ac	650	+29
Yield	Lbs	700	-52
Production	(000)Cwt	4,550	-38

Crop Weather Report

Week Ending September 17, 2017

- 97 stations reported moisture. 66 reported over an inch of precipitation
- Topsoil moisture conditions at 65 percent short and very short
 - Compared to last year's 36 percent
- Subsoil moisture conditions at 81 percent short and very short
 - Compared to last year's 42 percent

Topsoil Moisture

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Very short	36	86	13	19
Short	29	13	23	25
Adequate	35	1	57	50
Surplus	--	--	7	6

Subsoil Moisture

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Very short	46	63	14	18
Short	35	31	28	29
Adequate	19	6	55	49
Surplus	--	--	3	4

Crop Progress Percent

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Winter Wheat seeded	16	13	20	26
Durum Wheat harvested	97	94	89	26

Crop Progress Percent

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Dry Beans harvested	97	94	90	73
Safflower harvested	46	45	41	22

Crop Progress Percent

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Potatoes harvested	3	-	-	7
Corn for Silage harvested	68	54	38	73

Potatoes Crop Condition

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	--	1	9	57	33
Last week	--	1	8	59	32
Last year	--	2	5	46	47
5-yr Avg.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Sugar Beets Crop Condition

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	2	12	43	37	6
Last week	3	12	47	33	5
Last year	--	3	21	64	12
5-yr Avg.	1	5	25	51	18

Movement from Summer Ranges

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr Avg.
Cattle & Calves Moved	28	24	31	28
Sheep & Lambs Moved	38	30	38	36

Range & Pasture Feed Condition

Week Ending September 17, 2017

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	50	27	15	6	2
Last week	47	30	19	4	--
Last year	13	21	38	23	5
5-yr Avg.	15	22	34	24	5

Summary

Week Ending September 17, 2017

- Harvest of most spring small grains nearing completion
 - Durum wheat harvest way ahead of last year and the five year average
- Harvest for most crops well under way and ahead of last year and the five year average
- Winter wheat seeding for 2018 crop
 - behind last year but ahead of the five-year average

Releases

- September Hog report will be released September 28, 2017
- Small Grains Summary and September Grain Stocks will be released September 29, 2017

USDA, NASS, Montana Field Office

Eric Sommer, State Statistician

1-800-835-2612 or 406-389-3601

Email: nass-mt@nass.usda.gov

www.nass.usda.gov/mt/

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana
Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana_Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/index.asp)