

CROP-WEATHER REPORT



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Agricultural Summary

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending of April 11th. Currently, fieldwork is 40% well underway, 36%, just started, and 24% no field work underway, compared to last year's ratings of 4% well underway, 25% just started, and 61% no field work underway.

For the week, most of Montana saw highs in the upper 60's to upper 70's, Glendive was again the hot spot for the state last week reaching 78 degrees. The lows for the state were mainly in the lower 20's to middle 30's with Scobey at 11 degrees for the state low. There were some areas of the state receiving rain during the week. The wet spot for the state was Bozeman with 0.79 inches of rainfall last week. The weather outlook for the week of April 19-25 is for normal temperatures and normal precipitation for the entire state of Montana. Normal temperatures for this period are lows from 20s to the middle 30s and highs from the middle 40s to upper 50s.

Soil Moisture Condition Table

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Topsoil Moisture			
Very Short	26	17	5
Short	28	27	26
Adequate	42	51	62
Surplus	4	5	7
Subsoil Moisture			
Very Short	28	29	23
Short	35	35	34
Adequate	36	33	42
Surplus	1	3	1
Range & Pasture Feed Condition			
Very poor	17	5	17
Poor	24	28	20
Fair	38	40	36
Good	18	24	26
Excellent	3	3	1

Field Crops and Livestock Report

Winter wheat conditions are beginning to decline due to the warmer temperatures and limited moisture. Also, crop planting is well ahead of last year and the five-year average due to the warmer temperatures and limited moisture.

Sixty-five percent of the pastures are open for grazing compared to last year's rating of 81 percent open. Calving and lambing are right on schedule with 74 percent and 51 percent completed compared to last year's 75 percent for cattle and 51 percent for sheep.

Crop Table

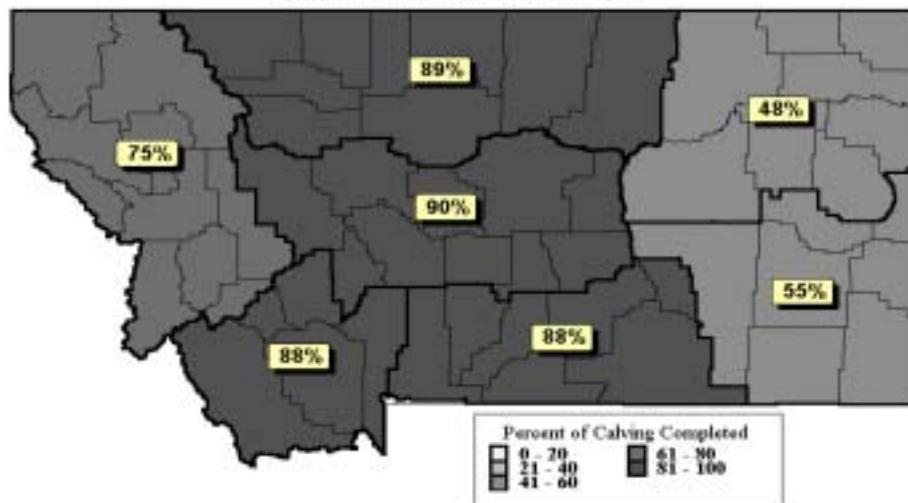
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat - Condition				
Very Poor	7	6	1	N/A
Poor	12	14	6	N/A
Fair	37	38	43	N/A
Good	40	39	42	N/A
Excellent	4	3	8	N/A
Winter Wheat-Spring Stages				
Still Dormant	1	6	3	N/A
Greening	31	57	30	N/A
Green & Growing	68	37	67	N/A
Barley				
Seeded	34	12	8	8
Emerged	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oats				
Seeded	10	3	2	3
Emerged	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	13	2	3	5
Emerged	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Durum Wheat				
Seeded	2	N/A	1	1
Sugar Beets				
Seeded	1	N/A	7	8

Livestock Table

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Livestock Grazing				
Open	65	71	81	N/A
Difficult	8	5	6	N/A
Closed	27	24	13	N/A
Receiving Supplemental Feed				
Cattle	84	95	90	N/A
Sheep and Lambs	74	96	92	N/A
Calving Completed	74	63	75	75
Lambing Completed	51	40	51	54

Percent of Calving Completed

by District for week ending April 11, 2004



THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.nass.usda.gov/mt/>

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Weather Information Table For Week Ending 6:00 p.m. MST, April 10, 2004 1/

STATION	TEMPERATURE PAST WEEK			PRECIPITATION						
	High	Low	Avg.	Past Week	April 1, 2004 to Date			October 1, 2003 to Date		
					Total 2/	Normal 3/	%	Total 2/	Normal 3/	%
	Degrees			In.	Inches			Normal	Inches	
NORTHWEST										
Drummond	69	19	46	0.00	0.33	0.36	92	4.09	4.87	84
Hamilton	68	29	50	0.01	0.36	0.39	92	3.99	6.30	63
Kalispell	67	28	47	0.51	0.57	0.45	127	7.03	8.24	85
Libby	67	25	46	0.61	0.61	0.39	156	10.62	11.10	96
Missoula	68	27	48	0.46	0.65	0.40	163	5.61	6.13	92
Polson	66	32	49	0.09	0.38	0.49	78	5.11	6.92	74
Superior	71	28	51	0.48	0.52	0.44	118	6.26	8.75	72
Thompson Falls	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
West Glacier	65	28	47	0.49	M	M	M	M	M	M
NORTHCENTRAL										
Chester	69	23	45	0.00	0.19	0.26	73	1.58	2.64	60
Choteau	67	23	45	0.01	0.61	0.26	235	2.33	2.03	115
Conrad	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Cut Bank	66	21	44	0.00	0.17	0.33	52	0.83	2.77	30
Ft. Benton	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Gold Butte	67	17	43	0.00	0.27	0.40	68	2.96	3.52	84
Harlem	71	21	47	0.00	0.05	0.27	19	2.29	2.73	84
Havre	71	23	45	0.00	0.41	0.32	128	1.45	3.43	42
Malta	70	28	47	0.00	0.00	0.33	0	3.54	3.28	108
Shelby	67	22	45	0.00	0.27	0.28	96	1.73	2.81	62
Turner	68	24	45	0.00	0.00	0.20	0	4.10	2.45	167
Valier	66	27	47	0.00	0.35	0.34	103	2.34	2.65	88
NORTHEAST										
Culbertson	74	15	43	0.00	0.13	0.33	39	2.80	3.01	93
Glasgow	71	24	45	0.00	0.00	0.28	0	3.44	2.83	122
Glendive	78	18	48	0.00	0.00	0.43	0	2.81	3.63	77
Jordan	69	19	43	0.00	0.00	0.36	0	1.94	3.67	53
Plentywood	72	13	41	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Scobey	68	11	40	0.00	0.00	0.30	0	2.60	2.56	102
Sidney	73	20	44	0.00	0.00	0.39	0	3.52	3.86	91
Wolf Point	70	15	43	0.00	0.03	0.29	10	2.91	2.93	99
CENTRAL										
Cascade	64	21	43	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Flatwillow	73	22	47	0.00	0.12	0.44	27	3.07	3.90	79
Great Falls	67	26	46	0.02	0.87	0.51	171	1.92	4.90	39
Harlowton	69	20	44	0.32	0.34	0.48	71	2.88	3.83	75
Helena	68	29	49	0.66	1.26	0.33	382	2.91	3.46	84
Lewistown	66	22	44	0.00	0.03	0.51	6	3.66	5.76	64
Melstone	72	23	49	0.00	0.05	0.55	9	M	M	M
Roundup	74	20	48	0.00	0.03	0.47	6	2.68	3.73	72
Stanford	65	23	45	0.00	0.17	0.56	30	4.42	5.00	88
White Sulphur Spr	63	21	41	0.31	0.34	0.43	79	1.98	4.02	49
SOUTHWEST										
Anaconda	66	23	45	0.35	0.75	0.43	174	5.08	4.82	105
Belgrade	68	24	44	0.44	0.45	0.51	88	3.10	5.16	60
Bozeman MSU	68	24	47	0.79	0.87	0.76	114	6.80	7.20	94
Butte	63	21	42	0.06	0.76	0.37	205	2.19	4.12	53
Dillon	68	24	46	0.12	0.53	0.45	118	1.77	3.32	53
Ennis	67	21	45	0.13	0.15	0.48	31	3.56	4.37	81
Wisdom	62	13	41	0.00	0.54	0.36	150	4.42	4.41	100
SOUTHCENTRAL										
Billings	71	26	48	0.00	0.31	0.64	48	3.76	5.83	64
Gardiner	67	21	47	0.00	0.00	0.22	0	1.43	3.39	42
Hardin	75	21	51	0.00	0.02	0.50	4	3.88	4.49	86
Livingston	69	22	44	0.58	0.59	0.58	102	3.26	5.05	65
Rapelje	69	19	45	0.15	0.32	0.61	52	2.75	5.29	52
Red Lodge	64	20	42	0.76	0.96	1.06	91	M	M	M
SOUTHEAST										
Baker	72	15	42	0.00	0.00	0.51	0	2.33	4.25	55
Broadus	76	20	49	0.04	0.04	0.57	7	2.48	4.67	53
Ekalaka	71	13	44	0.04	0.04	0.68	6	4.06	5.54	73
Miles City	73	21	46	0.07	0.07	0.51	14	1.32	4.03	33

1/ Data from National Weather Service. 2/ May be revised weekly. 3/ For period 1971-2000. M-More than 25% of reporting days are missing.

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