

CROP-WEATHER REPORT



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Agricultural Summary

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 25th. Currently, fieldwork is 70% well underway, 18%, just started, and 12% no field work underway, compared to last year's ratings of 50% well underway, 27% just started, and 23% no field work underway.

For the week, most of Montana saw highs in the upper 60's to upper 70's, Harlem and Havre were the hot spots for the state reaching 75 degrees. The lows for the state were mainly in the lower 20's to lower 30's with Wisdom at 16 degrees for the state low. There were some areas of the state receiving rain during the week. Billings received 1.11 inches of rainfall last week. The weather outlook for the week of May 3- 9 is for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation for the entire state. Normal temperatures for this period are lows from the middle 20's to the lower 40's and highs from the middle 50's to upper 60's.

Soil Moisture Condition Table

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Topsoil Moisture				
Very Short	34	26	4	14
Short	32	33	21	30
Adequate	33	39	67	52
Surplus	1	2	8	4
Subsoil Moisture				
Very Short	39	35	20	28
Short	34	36	32	36
Adequate	27	28	46	34
Surplus	0	1	2	2
Range & Pasture Feed Condition				
Very poor	23	20	8	N/A
Poor	25	24	25	N/A
Fair	32	37	34	N/A
Good	18	16	31	N/A
Excellent	2	3	2	N/A

Field Crops and Livestock Report

Winter wheat conditions are declining due to a combination of winter kill and soil moisture levels. Some winter wheat is being reseeded. Also, crop planting is well ahead of last year and the five-year average due to the warmer temperatures and limited moisture.

Seventy-six percent of the pastures are open for grazing compared to last year's rating of 87 percent open. Calving and lambing are right on schedule with 89 percent and 70 percent completed compared to last year's 88 percent for cattle and 66 percent for sheep.

Crop Table

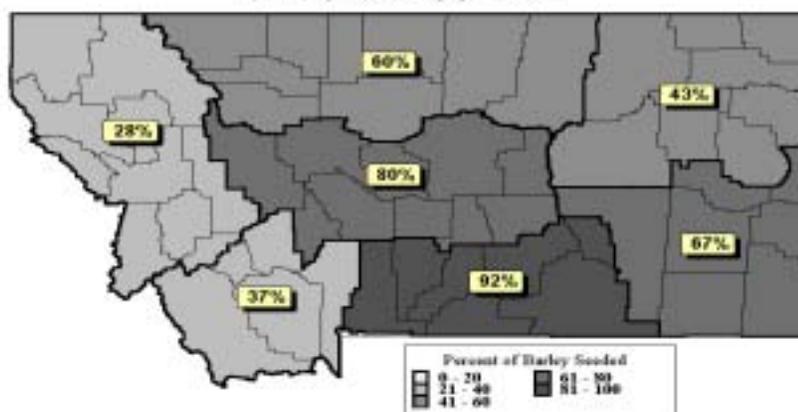
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat - Condition				
Very Poor	14	13	2	9
Poor	22	17	8	14
Fair	39	40	24	38
Good	22	26	52	34
Excellent	3	4	14	5
Winter Wheat-Spring Stages				
Still Dormant	0	1	0	N/A
Greening	6	15	11	N/A
Green & Growing	94	84	89	N/A
Barley				
Seeded	62	45	37	29
Emerged	29	14	8	3
Oats				
Seeded	37	25	15	16
Emerged	6	3	1	3
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	44	27	29	23
Emerged	11	2	3	2
Durum Wheat				
Seeded	10	4	14	4
Emerged	1	0	1	N/A
Sugar Beets				
Planted	70	34	46	45
Emerged	3	0	3	3
Corn				
Planted	17	14	7	9
Dry Beans				
Planted	3	N/A	0	4

Livestock Table

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Livestock Grazing				
Open	76	75	87	N/A
Difficult	6	4	3	N/A
Closed	18	21	10	N/A
Receiving Supplemental Feed				
Cattle	73	78	71	N/A
Sheep and Lambs	71	73	74	N/A
Calving Completed				
	89	82	88	87
Lambing Completed				
	70	53	66	70

Percent of Barley Seeded

by District for week ending April 25, 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 24, 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		Normal
NORTHWEST										
Drummond	71	19	43	0.01	0.39	0.78	50	4.15	5.29	78
Hamilton	69	28	47	0.00	0.42	0.84	50	4.05	6.75	60
Kalispell	67	27	43	0.27	1.53	0.98	156	7.99	8.77	91
Libby	69	28	46	0.08	1.20	0.84	143	11.21	11.55	97
Missoula	70	29	45	0.13	0.95	0.87	109	5.91	6.60	90
Polson	68	30	46	0.41	1.46	1.06	138	6.19	7.49	83
Superior	70	29	47	0.24	1.31	0.95	138	7.05	9.26	76
Thompson Falls	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
West Glacier	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
NORTH CENTRAL										
Chester	74	27	47	0.06	0.25	0.57	44	1.64	2.95	56
Choteau	71	24	45	0.01	0.73	0.58	126	2.45	2.35	104
Conrad	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Cut Bank	69	25	44	0.02	0.41	0.72	57	1.07	3.16	34
Ft. Benton	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Gold Butte	73	22	44	0.17	0.44	0.88	50	3.13	4.00	78
Harlem	75	27	48	0.01	0.06	0.58	10	2.30	3.04	76
Havre	75	28	48	0.14	0.60	0.70	86	1.64	3.81	43
Malta	71	31	49	0.06	0.35	0.72	49	3.89	3.67	106
Shelby	72	27	47	0.00	0.27	0.60	45	1.73	3.13	55
Turner	71	28	48	0.06	0.06	0.43	14	4.16	2.68	155
Valier	70	28	47	0.03	0.44	0.74	59	2.43	3.05	80
NORTHEAST										
Culbertson	67	22	46	0.24	0.73	0.73	100	3.40	3.41	100
Glasgow	69	29	49	0.02	0.38	0.60	63	3.82	3.15	121
Glendive	69	29	51	0.08	0.29	0.94	31	3.10	4.14	75
Jordan	68	24	46	0.00	0.00	0.78	0	1.94	4.09	47
Plentywood	65	25	48	0.00	M	M	M	M	M	M
Scobey	67	18	45	0.06	0.46	0.66	70	3.06	2.92	105
Sidney	67	26	49	0.02	0.29	0.86	34	3.81	4.33	88
Wolf Point	67	23	47	0.06	0.66	0.63	105	3.54	3.27	108
CENTRAL										
Cascade	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Flatwillow	72	27	51	0.03	0.28	0.95	29	3.23	4.41	73
Great Falls	71	27	46	0.08	1.00	1.12	89	2.05	5.51	37
Harlowton	71	28	46	0.27	0.69	1.04	66	3.23	4.39	74
Helena	73	29	47	0.17	1.45	0.73	199	3.10	3.86	80
Lewistown	67	28	44	0.04	0.49	1.10	45	4.12	6.35	65
Melstone	71	30	52	0.09	0.16	1.19	13	M	M	M
Roundup	72	29	51	0.23	0.26	1.02	25	2.91	4.28	68
Stanford	70	28	46	0.07	0.33	1.23	27	4.58	5.67	81
White Sulphur Spr	65	24	42	0.32	0.92	0.94	98	2.56	4.53	57
SOUTHWEST										
Anaconda	66	22	41	0.28	1.09	0.94	116	5.42	5.33	102
Belgrade	69	25	43	0.57	1.09	1.12	97	3.74	5.77	65
Bozeman MSU	68	26	45	0.49	1.43	1.65	87	7.36	8.09	91
Butte	65	22	40	0.35	1.25	0.82	152	2.68	4.57	59
Dillon	67	26	43	0.28	1.09	0.98	111	2.33	3.85	61
Ennis	67	25	44	0.29	0.56	1.04	54	3.97	4.93	81
Wisdom	60	16	35	0.23	0.78	0.78	100	4.66	4.83	96
SOUTH CENTRAL										
Billings	69	33	49	1.11	1.42	1.39	102	4.87	6.58	74
Gardiner	63	24	44	0.18	0.25	0.49	51	1.68	3.66	46
Hardin	71	31	52	0.10	0.12	1.10	11	3.98	5.09	78
Livingston	67	25	44	0.27	1.03	1.26	82	3.70	5.73	65
Rapelje	69	30	48	0.48	0.80	1.33	60	3.23	6.01	54
Red Lodge	61	25	42	0.05	1.01	2.3	44	M	M	M
SOUTHEAST										
Baker	63	29	45	0.15	0.54	1.12	48	2.87	4.86	59
Broadus	65	24	49	0.12	0.20	1.25	16	2.64	5.35	49
Ekalaka	60	28	46	0.16	0.34	1.48	23	4.36	6.34	69
Miles City	68	32	49	0.01	0.08	1.12	7	1.33	4.64	29

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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