

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The week began warm and sunny allowing producers good seeding conditions but turned cold and wet by the weekend. The moisture much of the State received was very welcome although more will be needed consistently to maintain current conditions. Mild daytime conditions have allowed producers to get out into the fields with 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork this week and planting is well ahead of last year at this time. Spring wheat has begun emerging with 4 percent emerged, ahead of the five year average and this time last year. Livestock producers began to move cattle and sheep to summer pastures in a few areas but reporters noted that there is still significant mountain snow pack in some areas which is keeping animals on supplemental feed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	58	47	24	37
Emerged.....	11	3	0	5
Camelina				
Planted	14	7	0	20
Canola				
Planted	33	3	12	15
Corn				
Planted	2	NA	1	5
Dry beans				
Planted	11	1	3	8
Dry peas				
Planted	43	8	15	29
Durum wheat				
Planted	14	3	1	13
Flaxseed				
Planted	3	--	1	15
Lentils				
Planted	21	1	7	20
Mustard seed				
Planted	5	1	4	13
Oats				
Planted	30	13	3	19
Emerged.....	1	NA	0	4
Safflower				
Planted	18	2	3	8
Spring wheat				
Planted	48	21	17	26
Emerged.....	4	--	--	2
Sugarbeets				
Planted	47	20	39	33
Emerged.....	4	NA	--	2
Winter wheat				
Breaking dormancy	97	94	NA	NA

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS -- continued

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle				
Moved to summer ranges.....	5	NA	15	10
Receiving supplemental feed.....	68	80	79	NA
Cows calved	83	73	81	82
Ewes lambled	76	67	64	67
Sheep				
Moved to summer ranges.....	4	NA	7	6
Receiving supplemental feed.....	69	75	78	NA
Livestock grazing				
Closed	8	9	26	13
Difficult	14	15	16	13
Open.....	78	76	58	74

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	3	4	2	8
Poor.....	14	14	18	18
Fair.....	51	49	45	40
Good	30	30	33	31
Excellent	2	3	2	3

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.8	5.8	4.2	3.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	4	5
Short	29	27	11	17
Adequate.....	54	54	75	64
Surplus.....	9	11	10	14
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	2	8
Short	22	22	12	20
Adequate.....	55	55	80	65
Surplus.....	16	16	6	7

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Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat	2	6	29	40	23

Montana's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/MT_Weather_04262015.pdf