

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had another mostly dry and warm week which allowed for 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork but some areas did receive some substantial precipitation from a mid-week storm. Overall, soil moisture levels declined from last week and reporters across the State are noting that crops and grasses are starting to show signs of stress due to lack of moisture. Winter wheat condition has declined from weather damage and diseases such as powdery mildew and wheat streak mosaic virus. Potato producers began seeding ahead of last year but behind the 5-year average with 12 percent seeded.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 92 | 79 | 70 | 68 |
| Emerged..... | 66 | 36 | 23 | 26 |
| Camelina | | | | |
| Planted | 60 | 30 | 16 | 39 |
| Emerged..... | 26 | 5 | -- | 15 |
| Canola | | | | |
| Planted | 77 | 57 | 44 | 46 |
| Emerged..... | 5 | -- | 13 | 8 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 56 | 21 | 31 | 35 |
| Emerged..... | 6 | NA | -- | 3 |
| Dry beans | | | | |
| Planted | 59 | 53 | 12 | 20 |
| Emerged..... | 1 | -- | -- | 2 |
| Dry peas | | | | |
| Planted | 88 | 60 | 63 | 61 |
| Emerged..... | 24 | 4 | 14 | 10 |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 67 | 40 | 21 | 32 |
| Emerged..... | 16 | 4 | -- | 5 |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Planted | 58 | 43 | 11 | 25 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Planted | 64 | 58 | 38 | 55 |
| Emerged..... | 11 | 1 | -- | 7 |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Planted | 76 | 50 | 20 | 36 |
| Emerged..... | 3 | NA | -- | 3 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Planted | 79 | 56 | 23 | 45 |
| Emerged..... | 36 | 18 | 6 | 15 |
| Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted | 12 | NA | 3 | 20 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Planted | 63 | 43 | 17 | 23 |
| Emerged..... | 29 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS -- continued

| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 86 | 71 | 49 | 53 |
| Emerg'd | 57 | 22 | 7 | 14 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 89 | 67 | 87 | 66 |
| Emerg'd | 48 | 14 | 15 | 20 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Boot Stage | 14 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Cattle | | | | |
| Moved to summer ranges | 38 | 24 | 41 | 32 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 38 | 53 | 52 | NA |
| Cows calved | 94 | 91 | 88 | 92 |
| Ewes lambed | 90 | 85 | 80 | 81 |
| Sheep | | | | |
| Moved to summer ranges | 50 | 28 | 36 | 29 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 39 | 44 | 47 | NA |

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Poor | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| Fair | 49 | 49 | 41 | 38 |
| Good | 32 | 32 | 38 | 36 |
| Excellent | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 6.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Short | 38 | 35 | 9 | 13 |
| Adequate | 47 | 51 | 75 | 68 |
| Surplus | 6 | 7 | 12 | 14 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 7 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Short | 25 | 23 | 12 | 17 |
| Adequate | 55 | 56 | 80 | 69 |
| Surplus | 13 | 14 | 6 | 8 |

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Commodity | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Winter wheat | 2 | 6 | 31 | 39 | 22 |

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_05102015.pdf