

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week Montana had warmer low temperatures and cooler high temperatures with scattered showers that brought beneficial rain to many areas of the State. Reporters noted that more rain and warm temperatures are needed to maintain grazing conditions and in some areas grasses are already drying out and heading out. Winter and spring wheat conditions declined slightly due to dry, windy conditions and continued reports of disease. Livestock continue to move to summer pastures ahead of the five year average and producers are providing less supplemental feed than last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	90	82	64	59
Camelina				
Planted.....	75	65	29	74
Emerged.....	51	33	4	38
Canola				
Planted.....	93	87	88	84
Emerged.....	60	32	37	37
Corn				
Planted.....	85	80	70	72
Emerged.....	47	30	41	33
Dry beans				
Planted.....	66	61	73	58
Emerged.....	47	28	15	16
Dry peas				
Emerged.....	77	53	58	49
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	49	30	26	27
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	91	79	81	68
Emerged.....	35	7	24	26
Lentils				
Planted.....	95	84	89	88
Emerged.....	49	31	26	39
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	80	77	63	71
Emerged.....	56	30	15	30
Oats				
Planted.....	92	89	76	77
Emerged.....	70	47	37	46
Potatoes				
Planted.....	66	44	32	59
Emerged.....	7	2	10	11
Safflower				
Planted.....	68	65	46	49
Emerged.....	55	48	15	16
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	96	95	88	83
Emerged.....	81	70	55	51
Boot Stage.....	1	--	--	--

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS – continued

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Sugarbeets				
Emerged	94	76	71	57
Winter wheat				
Boot Stage.....	39	24	7	15
Cattle				
Moved to summer ranges	70	55	71	60
Receiving supplemental feed	17	31	22	NA
Sheep				
Moved to summer ranges	71	64	73	55
Receiving supplemental feed	18	25	23	NA

(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.....	4	5	3	4
Poor.....	14	14	14	13
Fair.....	48	48	35	34
Good	30	30	40	39
Excellent	4	3	8	10

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.9	4.6	5.9	4.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	11	4	3
Short.....	30	29	11	14
Adequate.....	54	52	73	65
Surplus	7	8	12	18
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	8	2	5
Short.....	25	26	13	18
Adequate.....	53	53	79	64
Surplus	14	13	6	13

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	1	2	36	46	15
Oats	1	2	21	66	10
Spring wheat.....	3	3	31	52	11
Winter wheat	3	8	32	39	18

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_05242015.pdf