

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana began the week cooler with scattered showers that dropped greatly varying amounts of precipitation across the state with some locations receiving more than four inches of precipitation while others received little. Some reporters are beginning to note that some crops are seeing too much precipitation which is resulting in a lot of disease to winter wheat crops and the warmer, dry weather at the end of the week was welcome in those areas. Hail storms were reported in a few areas of the State as well, causing damage to newly headed winter wheat. Small grains have entered boot stage ahead of last year and the five year average for barley, oats, durum wheat and spring wheat. Cattle and sheep are now mostly all on summer ranges across the State, though the food quality of native grasses varies greatly from poor in areas that have missed out on late spring rains to much improved in areas that received an abundance of precipitation in the past several weeks.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Boot stage.....	29	3	3	8
Camelina				
Planted.....	100	85	64	88
Emerged.....	62	52	25	71
Blooming.....	15	1	NA	NA
Canola				
Emerged.....	93	89	75	78
Blooming.....	19	7	1	1
Corn				
Planted.....	97	94	94	92
Emerged.....	83	71	77	74
Dry beans				
Planted.....	88	86	84	82
Emerged.....	62	61	66	43
Dry peas				
Emerged.....	97	94	90	82
Blooming.....	7	6	20	8
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	83	78	61	61
Boot stage.....	2	1	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Emerged.....	84	63	68	60
Lentils				
Emerged.....	83	69	81	79
Blooming.....	5	4	13	4
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	87	86	85	84
Emerged.....	85	84	71	69
Blooming.....	7	--	1	1
Oats				
Planted.....	98	94	89	90
Emerged.....	95	90	77	73
Boot stage.....	17	3	2	4
Potatoes				
Planted.....	89	85	73	83
Emerged.....	41	23	35	35
Safflower				
Planted.....	87	86	79	74
Emerged.....	63	61	59	47
Spring wheat				
Boot stage.....	17	7	4	4
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	90	75	34	44
Headed.....	38	13	--	4
Cattle				
Moved to summer ranges.....	93	87	85	81
Sheep				
Moved to summer ranges.....	91	83	86	76

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.7	4.3	6.2	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	7	5	3
Short.....	28	30	22	11
Adequate.....	57	57	60	61
Surplus.....	9	6	13	25
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	4	4
Short.....	22	25	20	15
Adequate.....	58	55	68	64
Surplus.....	13	13	8	17

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	3	3
Fair.....	33	33	47	30
Good.....	44	45	41	55
Excellent.....	18	17	9	12
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	2	NA
Fair.....	44	44	25	NA
Good.....	48	48	73	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	31	28	42	NA
Good.....	56	59	52	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	6	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	3	3
Poor.....	17	17	12	11
Fair.....	40	44	34	28
Good.....	32	30	41	42
Excellent.....	7	5	10	16
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	1
Poor.....	3	3	3	3
Fair.....	32	32	45	30
Good.....	51	51	45	59
Excellent.....	11	11	6	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	7	7	6	7
Fair.....	35	35	30	29
Good.....	37	37	51	48
Excellent.....	19	19	11	14

NA – not available

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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_06072015.pdf