

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** There was limited precipitation across Montana for the week ending April 10, 2016, along with strong winds and warm temperatures. Reporters across the State noted that the lack of moisture might result in germinating conditions as well as reservoirs already hitting low levels. Producers began seeding dry edible peas, lentils, and sugar beets with 13 percent of dry edible peas, 8 percent of lentils, and 2 percent of sugar beets seeded by the week's end. Fifty-five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 62 percent last year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	25	11	15	12
Camelina				
Planted.....	1	NA	1	5
Dry Edible Peas				
Planted.....	13	NA	NA	NA
Lentils				
Planted.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	16	2	4	5
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	17	3	7	6
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	2	NA	--	3
Winter Wheat				
Breaking dormancy.....	60	32	80	NA
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	50	40	57	62
Receiving supplemental feed.....	82	87	86	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	50	30	46	36
Receiving supplemental feed.....	84	91	82	NA

NA – not available

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**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.5	5.1	4.9	3.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	17	7	6
Short.....	33	33	22	17
Adequate.....	50	50	61	62
Surplus.....	--	--	10	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	20	6	8
Short.....	38	39	21	19
Adequate.....	47	39	53	61
Surplus.....	2	2	20	12

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing Accessibility				
Open.....	71	70	76	58
Difficult.....	12	12	16	20
Closed.....	17	18	8	22
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	10	12	4	7
Poor.....	22	22	16	21
Fair.....	48	45	46	42
Good.....	18	19	31	28
Excellent.....	2	2	3	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	2
Poor.....	5	4	6	6
Fair.....	39	40	30	31
Good.....	51	53	33	50
Excellent.....	4	3	29	11

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/2016/MT\\_Weather\\_04102016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/MT_Weather_04102016.pdf)