

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had another week of warm temperatures along with moisture throughout most parts of the state. Miles City received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 2.82 inches of moisture, and all weather stations except for four stations reported receiving moisture ranging from 0.01 of an inch to 2.82 inches. High temperatures ranged from the upper 60s to the middle 80s with a state wide high temperature of 86 degrees recorded at Mizpah. Mild daytime conditions have allowed producers to get out into the fields with 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork this week and planting is ahead of last year for most crops at this time. Barley, camelina, dry edible peas, oats, and spring wheat have begun emerging with barley at 11 percent, camelina at 1 percent, dry edible peas at 2 percent, oats at 5 percent, and spring wheat at 2 percent. Livestock producers began to move cattle and sheep to summer ranges with cattle at 5 percent and sheep at 3 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	52	41	55	35
Emerged.....	11	5	9	4
Camelina				
Planted.....	27	13	12	13
Emerged.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Canola				
Planted.....	17	12	24	16
Corn				
Planted.....	17	3	1	2
Dry Edible Beans				
Planted.....	15	3	8	8
Dry Edible Peas				
Planted.....	61	39	33	22
Emerged.....	2	--	NA	NA
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	32	9	11	10
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	40	14	2	11
Lentils				
Planted.....	39	18	15	16
Mustard Seed				
Planted.....	15	5	4	10
Oats				
Planted.....	47	32	25	18
Emerged.....	5	--	1	3
Safflower				
Planted.....	1	--	13	9
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	53	34	40	24
Emerged.....	2	--	3	2
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	38	10	39	25
Winter Wheat				
Breaking dormancy.....	97	85	96	NA
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	87	79	80	80
Moved to summer ranges.....	5	NA	4	7
Receiving supplemental feed.....	64	72	68	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	82	76	73	66
Moved to summer ranges.....	3	NA	3	4
Receiving supplemental feed.....	76	81	69	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	4.2	4.5	5.8	3.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	10	8	5
Short	20	29	29	16
Adequate	67	58	54	64
Surplus	5	3	9	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	11	7	7
Short	32	34	22	17
Adequate	58	53	55	66
Surplus	2	2	16	10

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing Accessibility				
Open	73	70	78	74
Difficult	11	13	14	13
Closed	16	17	8	13
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	9	10	3	8
Poor	18	21	14	18
Fair	49	48	51	40
Good	22	19	30	31
Excellent	2	2	2	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	1	1	2	1
Poor	4	4	6	6
Fair	35	37	29	31
Good	53	52	40	49
Excellent	7	6	23	13

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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_04242016.pdf