

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana was cool and cloudy this week and received moisture throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Savage received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 2.12 inches of moisture, and all weather stations except for one station reported receiving moisture ranging from 0.03 of an inch to 2.12 inches. The state has received moisture for the past several weeks that has improved both topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture is rated 81 percent adequate and surplus compared with 58 percent last year and the 5 year average of 79 percent. Subsoil moisture is rated 68 percent adequate and surplus compared with 70 percent last year and the 5 year average of 76 percent. High temperatures ranged from the lower 50s to the lower 70s with a state wide high temperature of 74 degrees recorded at Seeley Lake. Winter wheat is beginning to enter boot stage and its condition is in line with the five year average currently but wheat streak mosaic virus has been reported. Livestock are being moved to summer pastures ahead of the five year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	65	52	73	50
Emerged.....	30	11	29	12
Camelina				
Planted.....	43	27	25	19
Emerged.....	13	1	4	8
Canola				
Planted.....	46	17	50	30
Emerged.....	2	--	--	2
Corn				
Planted.....	39	17	16	10
Emerged.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	35	15	41	16
Emerged.....	2	NA	--	--
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	70	61	55	40
Emerged.....	15	2	3	2
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	42	32	33	20
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	49	40	32	19
Emerged.....	1	--	NA	NA
Lentils				
Planted.....	48	39	47	31
Emerged.....	1	--	1	1
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	40	15	37	22
Oats				
Planted.....	53	47	49	30
Emerged.....	11	5	13	7
Safflower				
Planted.....	11	1	36	17
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	60	53	64	38
Emerged.....	21	2	17	7
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	60	38	61	42
Emerged.....	5	NA	11	5
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	1	--	1	--
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	92	87	89	87
Moved to summer ranges.....	29	5	19	17
Receiving supplemental feed.....	59	64	53	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	86	82	82	74
Moved to summer ranges.....	18	3	21	14
Receiving supplemental feed.....	71	76	44	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.....	2.3	4.2	6.3	4.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	8	7	5
Short.....	13	20	35	16
Adequate.....	73	67	51	65
Surplus.....	8	5	7	14
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	8	7	7
Short.....	25	32	23	17
Adequate.....	62	58	56	66
Surplus.....	6	2	14	10

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.....	77	73	81	79
Difficult.....	10	11	14	11
Closed.....	13	16	5	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	9	4	7
Poor.....	18	18	14	17
Fair.....	49	49	49	40
Good.....	26	22	32	33
Excellent.....	2	2	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	4	4	6	6
Fair.....	30	35	29	29
Good.....	50	53	39	49
Excellent.....	15	7	24	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/2016/MT_Weather_05012016.pdf