

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana was much drier and warmer with limited precipitation than the past several weeks throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Thompson Falls received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 0.36 of an inch of moisture. High temperatures ranged from the middle 70s to the lower 90s with a state wide high temperature of 91 degrees recorded at Plentywood. Potato producers began seeding ahead of last year, but behind the 5-year average with 11 percent seeded. Livestock producers were wrapping up calving and lambing as well as livestock feeding due to their herds being moved to summer ranges.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	83	65	88	68
Emerged.....	50	30	57	27
Camelina				
Planted.....	50	43	51	31
Emerged.....	20	13	20	12
Canola				
Planted.....	58	46	71	44
Emerged.....	13	2	4	7
Corn				
Planted.....	57	39	46	31
Emerged.....	12	1	4	1
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	60	35	57	26
Emerged.....	17	2	1	1
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	86	70	80	59
Emerged.....	30	15	18	9
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	60	42	59	33
Emerged.....	14	--	13	4
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	65	49	54	27
Emerged.....	6	1	--	--
Lentils				
Planted.....	70	48	62	51
Emerged.....	10	1	8	5
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	63	40	69	38
Emerged.....	5	--	2	1
Oats				
Planted.....	71	53	72	46
Emerged.....	22	11	31	15
Potatoes				
Planted.....	11	NA	9	16
Safflower				
Planted.....	30	11	57	28
Emerged.....	5	NA	21	5
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	78	60	82	53
Emerged.....	34	21	47	17
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	76	60	83	63
Emerged.....	10	5	38	17
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	24	1	10	4
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	95	92	93	91
Moved to summer ranges.....	43	29	34	31
Receiving supplemental feed.....	39	59	38	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	90	86	89	81
Moved to summer ranges.....	38	18	44	30
Receiving supplemental feed.....	48	71	39	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.....	5.9	2.3	6.4	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	6	9	7
Short.....	15	13	38	21
Adequate.....	74	73	47	60
Surplus.....	5	8	6	12
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	7	6
Short.....	25	25	25	19
Adequate.....	62	62	55	66
Surplus.....	6	6	13	9

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.....	80	77	NA	NA
Difficult.....	9	10	NA	NA
Closed.....	11	13	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	5	4	6
Poor.....	16	18	14	16
Fair.....	47	49	49	38
Good.....	29	26	32	36
Excellent.....	3	2	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	5	4	6	7
Fair.....	31	30	31	30
Good.....	46	50	39	46
Excellent.....	17	15	22	15

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_05082016.pdf