

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week in Montana brought some warm days as well as cold nights and widespread precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from the lower 50s to the lower 70s and low temperatures ranged from 9 degrees in Scobey to the mid 30s. Most of the State received measurable precipitation, with the highest amount recorded in Biddle with 1.66 inches of moisture while other stations recorded between 0.02 and 1.51 inches of moisture. Producers were able to make some progress with spring seeding despite setbacks due to precipitation which has all crop seedings behind both last year and the 5-year average. Reporters are noting that pastures are greening up very nicely this spring and livestock producers are working on getting animals ready to move out to summer ranges.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	30	9	50	42
Emerged.....	2	NA	10	5
Camelina				
Planted.....	1	--	25	15
Canola				
Planted.....	6	--	16	17
Corn				
Planted.....	1	--	15	5
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	3	--	13	10
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	48	9	58	31
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	4	--	36	17
Lentils				
Planted.....	24	1	36	22
Oats				
Planted.....	10	1	45	26
Safflower				
Planted.....	1	--	1	8
Sugar beets				
Planted.....	10	2	34	27
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	10	--	29	15
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	24	8	50	31
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	81	77	86	80
Moved to summer ranges.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	66	75	64	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	81	75	81	67
Moved to summer ranges.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	73	79	76	NA

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	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	8	7
Short.....	5	6	20	20
Adequate.....	80	79	67	66
Surplus.....	14	14	5	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	8	8
Short.....	9	10	32	23
Adequate.....	73	72	58	63
Surplus.....	15	15	2	6

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.....	83	81	73	75
Difficult.....	11	13	11	12
Closed.....	6	6	16	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	9	9
Poor.....	8	9	18	19
Fair.....	36	34	49	44
Good.....	40	40	22	26
Excellent.....	15	16	2	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	5	5	4	6
Fair.....	28	27	35	33
Good.....	53	55	53	48
Excellent.....	13	12	7	12

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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/2017/MT_Weather_04232017.pdf