

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week alternated between hot and sunny and cool and wet for most of Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the lower 90s and low temperatures ranged from 18 degrees in Wisdom to the upper 30s. Most of the State received measurable precipitation, with the highest amount recorded in Rapelje with 0.56 of an inch of moisture while other stations recorded between zero and 0.52 of an inch of moisture. Soil moisture conditions are well above both last year and the 5-year average with 88 percent of topsoil and 92 percent of subsoil rated adequate to surplus. Spring seedings are well underway for all crops surveyed at this time though most are behind last year and the 5-year average. Many spring crops are now emerging as well and reporters note that there have been no reports of fungus yet from the unusually moist conditions. Winter wheat has just begun to enter boot stage with 5 percent booting which is well behind last year at this time and just behind of the 5-year average. Livestock producers are coming to the end of birthing season and preparing to move their animals to summer ranges and reducing the amount of supplemental feed provided as grasses fill in. Pasture and range land is looking good in response to adequate precipitation and is currently rated 66 percent good to excellent compared with 32 percent last year and the 5-year average of 35 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	52	36	80	77
Emerged.....	26	13	47	32
Camelina				
Planted.....	5	2	49	34
Canola				
Planted.....	28	14	56	53
Corn				
Planted.....	15	6	54	35
Emerged.....	1	NA	10	3
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	31	12	56	34
Emerged.....	1	NA	15	3
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	70	56	84	70
Emerged.....	30	18	28	13
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	23	11	63	38
Lentils				
Planted.....	46	28	67	55
Emerged.....	13	2	9	6
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	2	1	60	47
Oats				
Planted.....	37	23	68	54
Emerged.....	15	1	20	17
Potatoes				
Planted.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	5	3	27	32
Sugar beets				
Planted.....	62	34	74	66
Emerged.....	5	--	9	16
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	37	20	57	42
Emerged.....	3	--	12	6
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	46	33	75	62
Emerged.....	18	6	32	22
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	5	1	21	7
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	93	88	95	92
Moved to summer ranges.....	28	14	41	34
Receiving supplemental feed.....	36	58	39	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	91	86	89	83
Moved to summer ranges.....	31	10	35	31
Receiving supplemental feed.....	45	64	48	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	5.6	3.7	5.9	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	6	8
Short.....	10	7	15	23
Adequate.....	66	75	74	62
Surplus.....	22	17	5	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	1	7	8
Short.....	6	10	25	23
Adequate.....	70	77	62	62
Surplus.....	22	12	6	7

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	5	7
Poor.....	2	8	16	18
Fair.....	30	39	47	40
Good.....	42	38	29	32
Excellent.....	24	13	3	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	4	4	5	7
Fair.....	26	32	31	32
Good.....	49	48	46	43
Excellent.....	20	15	17	16

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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_05072017.pdf