

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had some hot, sunny days and cool nights this week before ending the week on a cool and wet note, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from the lower 70s to 90 degrees and low temperatures ranged from 18 degrees in Wisdom to the lower 40s. All reporting stations in the State received measurable precipitation though the form varied from rain to snow to hail this week. The highest amount of precipitation recorded was in Heron with 1.19 inches of moisture while other stations recorded between 0.01 and 1.16 inches of moisture. Producers made good use of this week's 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork and made some good headway on previously delayed spring seedings. Winter wheat continues to enter boot stage with 10 percent booted which is well behind last year at this time and just behind the 5-year average. Winter wheat condition declined slightly from the previous week due to weather variation and is rated 61 percent good to excellent which is slightly behind last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average for this time. 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 conditions declined slightly from last week and is currently rated 63 percent good to excellent compared with 38 percent last year and the 5-year average of 33 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	81	52	88	88
Emerged.....	45	26	71	52
Camelina				
Planted.....	19	5	59	51
Canola				
Planted.....	35	28	66	69
Corn				
Planted.....	48	15	66	57
Emerged.....	21	1	21	13
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	43	31	84	51
Emerged.....	2	1	28	12
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	90	70	91	84
Emerged.....	47	30	49	30
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	40	23	70	51
Emerged.....	15	--	9	5
Lentils				
Planted.....	91	46	77	73
Emerged.....	26	13	24	15
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	28	2	73	65
Oats				
Planted.....	57	37	79	70
Emerged.....	35	15	41	32
Potatoes				
Planted.....	35	4	25	34
Safflower				
Planted.....	15	5	42	44
Sugar beets				
Planted.....	95	62	85	79
Emerged.....	25	5	25	34
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	64	37	69	58
Emerged.....	13	3	22	13
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	77	46	85	78
Emerged.....	41	18	46	36
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	10	5	31	14
Cattle and calves				
Calving completed.....	95	93	99	95
Moved to summer ranges.....	48	28	58	50
Receiving supplemental feed.....	23	36	32	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	94	91	91	88
Moved to summer ranges.....	57	31	60	51
Receiving supplemental feed.....	23	45	35	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	6.4	5.6	3.7	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	6	9
Short.....	18	10	12	23
Adequate.....	74	66	76	60
Surplus.....	4	22	6	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	7	9
Short.....	15	6	23	25
Adequate.....	78	70	63	59
Surplus.....	5	22	7	7

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	5	7
Poor.....	2	2	13	18
Fair.....	33	30	44	42
Good.....	40	42	35	30
Excellent.....	23	24	3	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	3	4	5	7
Fair.....	35	26	30	31
Good.....	47	49	45	43
Excellent.....	14	20	19	17

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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_05142017.pdf