

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week in Montana ended hot and sunny but there were still some very cold nights and precipitation was hit or miss, 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 24 in Gardiner to the lower 40s. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Big Timber with 1.14 inches of moisture while other stations recorded between zero and 0.74 of an inch of moisture. Reporters in areas that have been unusually wet this spring noted that producers caught up with seeding at last but reporters in dry areas noted that crops are really suffering from lack of moisture. Wheat stripe rust has appeared in wheat in the central part of the state and high winds further dried out crops and pastures in the northeast. Winter wheat is rated 48 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent last year and 60 percent for the 5-year average. Pasture and range land conditions declined from last week and are currently rated 49 percent good to excellent compared with 46 percent last year and the 5-year average of 42 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	94	89	94	97
Emerged.....	67	54	88	82
Camelina				
Planted.....	63	35	74	74
Emerged.....	25	5	39	45
Canola				
Planted.....	65	49	88	94
Emerged.....	21	4	62	64
Corn				
Planted.....	93	76	89	86
Emerged.....	58	39	58	53
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	89	68	92	81
Emerged.....	57	8	66	44
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	97	94	99	98
Emerged.....	73	66	82	74
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	91	59	84	91
Emerged.....	35	20	32	45
Lentils				
Emerged.....	58	49	61	56
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	75	57	88	87
Emerged.....	30	25	70	54
Oats				
Planted.....	69	62	94	91
Emerged.....	51	46	82	71
Potatoes				
Planted.....	79	55	35	61
Emerged.....	37	7	15	21
Safflower				
Planted.....	22	20	58	73
Emerged.....	6	--	40	43
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	70	50	45	71
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	92	76	90	88
Emerged.....	34	21	56	45
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	93	86	96	95
Emerged.....	65	52	81	77
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	36	24	57	35
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	84	70	73	77
Receiving supplemental feed.....	15	16	14	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to summer ranges.....	84	70	83	75
Receiving supplemental feed.....	19	23	17	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	6.1	5.1	3.7	4.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	5	5	5
Short.....	22	19	12	16
Adequate.....	62	66	72	64
Surplus.....	4	10	11	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	6	6
Short.....	17	10	21	21
Adequate.....	74	74	66	63
Surplus.....	6	13	7	10

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	3
Fair.....	31	25	30	37
Good.....	55	53	41	47
Excellent.....	13	22	28	13
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	1	2	NA
Fair.....	48	38	29	NA
Good.....	47	52	60	NA
Excellent.....	2	9	9	NA
Lentils				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	55	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	44	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	4	NA	2	2
Fair.....	57	NA	38	36
Good.....	38	NA	54	55
Excellent.....	1	NA	6	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	6	2	4	4
Poor.....	11	5	11	14
Fair.....	34	33	39	40
Good.....	33	36	39	36
Excellent.....	16	24	7	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	72	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	21	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	1	1
Poor.....	2	NA	2	3
Fair.....	46	NA	24	33
Good.....	52	NA	59	54
Excellent.....	--	NA	14	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	4	3	6	7
Fair.....	47	44	27	31
Good.....	31	38	42	42
Excellent.....	17	14	23	18

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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_05282017.pdf