

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Storms brought moisture to the western part of the state while the eastern part was hot and dry according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The Northwest had the highest precipitation with some areas receiving as much as 0.70 inches. Reporters in western areas that have been unusually wet this spring noted that producers have mostly caught up with seeding, but reporters in dry areas noted that crops are really suffering from lack of moisture. Temperatures in the Southeastern part of the state reached as high as 96 degrees, further stressing the already dry crops. Pasture and range land conditions were mixed with an increase in both very poor and good conditions from last week, and are currently rated 48 percent good to excellent compared to 48 percent last year and the 5-year average of 43 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	99	94	98	99
Emerged.....	76	67	92	91
Boot stage.....	1	--	6	7
Camelina				
Planted.....	70	63	79	83
Emerged.....	30	25	59	61
Canola				
Planted.....	80	65	92	97
Emerged.....	27	21	74	79
Corn				
Planted.....	96	93	95	93
Emerged.....	75	58	74	74
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	92	89	97	89
Emerged.....	64	57	78	55
Dry edible peas				
Emerged.....	81	73	93	89
Blooming.....	1	--	11	9
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	96	92	97	94
Emerged.....	50	34	72	63
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	96	91	89	94
Emerged.....	42	35	62	67
Lentils				
Emerged.....	69	58	86	78
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	80	75	96	92
Emerged.....	32	30	83	74
Oats				
Planted.....	74	69	99	95
Emerged.....	57	51	94	82
Potatoes				
Planted.....	83	79	76	79
Emerged.....	45	37	29	35
Safflower				
Planted.....	27	22	64	82
Emerged.....	9	6	46	59
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	96	93	99	98
Emerged.....	78	65	94	88
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	94	70	61	88
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	55	36	75	52
Headed.....	18	--	33	13
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	91	84	91	86
Receiving supplemental feed.....	4	15	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to summer ranges.....	88	84	89	83
Receiving supplemental feed.....	6	19	14	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	6.5	6.1	6.4	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	15	12	7	5
Short .....	28	22	13	19
Adequate .....	53	62	74	66
Surplus .....	4	4	6	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	5	3	7	7
Short .....	16	17	22	22
Adequate .....	74	74	67	63
Surplus .....	5	6	4	8

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 .....	3	--	--	--
Poor .....	6	1	1	4
Fair .....	32	31	29	37
Good .....	51	55	43	43
Excellent .....	8	13	27	16
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	NA	--	1
Poor .....	5	NA	--	2
Fair .....	39	NA	36	36
Good .....	52	NA	57	49
Excellent .....	4	NA	7	12
Dry edible beans				
Very poor .....	1	NA	--	NA
Poor .....	1	NA	4	NA
Fair .....	70	NA	43	NA
Good .....	25	NA	46	NA
Excellent .....	3	NA	7	NA
Dry edible peas				
Very poor .....	6	--	1	2
Poor .....	12	3	2	3
Fair .....	56	48	28	30
Good .....	21	47	54	54
Excellent .....	5	2	15	11
Lentils				
Very poor .....	2	--	2	2
Poor .....	7	1	2	3
Fair .....	59	55	35	33
Good .....	29	44	52	59
Excellent .....	3	--	9	3
Oats				
Very poor .....	7	--	--	NA
Poor .....	9	4	2	NA
Fair .....	51	57	36	NA
Good .....	30	38	55	NA
Excellent .....	3	1	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	11	6	4	4
Poor .....	13	11	10	15
Fair .....	28	34	38	38
Good .....	35	33	40	36
Excellent .....	13	16	8	7
Spring wheat				
Very poor .....	7	--	1	1
Poor .....	4	2	2	4
Fair .....	41	46	23	34
Good .....	45	52	54	51
Excellent .....	3	--	20	10
Sugarbeets				
Very poor .....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor .....	10	7	NA	NA
Fair .....	63	72	NA	NA
Good .....	25	21	NA	NA
Excellent .....	2	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	4	1	2	2
Poor .....	7	4	6	8
Fair .....	42	47	27	31
Good .....	31	31	41	43
Excellent .....	16	17	24	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\\_06042017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/MT_Weather_06042017.pdf)