

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana received scattered precipitation this week accompanied by cool temperatures and high winds, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Glacier and Valley Counties reported scattered showers and wind. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 26, 2022, 94.7 percent of the State is now experiencing drought conditions – a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from last week. Abnormally dry conditions decreased from 12.3 percent last week to 11.9 percent this week. Moderate drought conditions increased slightly from 21.9 percent last week to 22.5 percent this week. Severe drought covered 43.5 percent of the State, a decrease from 42.0 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased to 16.8 percent from at 19.1 percent last week for the State. Reports from Sweet Grass County indicate grass is at least two weeks behind normal due to cool temperatures. Booting of barley and spring wheat began this week along with the blooming of lentils.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	94	90	88	91
Emerged	81	60	69	67
Booted.....	1	NA	--	--
Canola				
Planted.....	73	65	70	66
Emerged	39	27	34	29
Corn				
Planted.....	53	39	63	76
Emerged	19	10	27	36
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	75	60	76	80
Emerged	35	15	37	32
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	95	93	85	NA
Emerged	65	51	60	64
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	83	65	85	85
Emerged	42	30	44	39
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	60	50	68	72
Emerged	25	15	40	32
Lentils				
Planted.....	94	84	86	NA
Emerged	63	49	58	56
Blooming.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	86	75	86	79
Emerged	40	30	51	36
Oats				
Planted.....	84	70	84	81
Emerged	53	43	53	48
Safflower				
Planted.....	60	50	49	41
Emerged	20	15	14	12
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	94	85	93	92
Emerged	73	59	72	65
Booted.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	49	35	83	NA
Emerged	13	1	55	62
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	40	30	38	33
Headed	5	2	5	2
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	62	51	79	84
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture	73	60	81	84

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	6.2	5.2	4.6	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	18	21	9
Short	50	56	22	17
Adequate.....	29	26	57	68
Surplus.....	1	--	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	44	49	25	7
Short	34	32	35	20
Adequate.....	21	19	40	70
Surplus.....	1	--	--	3

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	5	NA	1	1
Poor	26	NA	8	3
Fair.....	52	NA	28	22
Good	16	NA	63	64
Excellent	1	NA	--	10
Dry edible peas				
Very poor	7	NA	1	NA
Poor	15	NA	8	NA
Fair.....	40	NA	20	NA
Good	38	NA	71	NA
Excellent	--	NA	--	NA
Lentils				
Very poor	7	NA	NA	NA
Poor	14	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	32	NA	NA	NA
Good	47	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	--	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	25	34	25	8
Poor	30	31	31	12
Fair.....	34	26	30	27
Good	11	9	13	40
Excellent	--	--	1	13
Spring wheat				
Very poor	8	NA	1	2
Poor	20	NA	10	4
Fair.....	49	NA	30	24
Good	22	NA	59	66
Excellent	1	NA	--	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	16	14	4	3
Poor	10	9	17	7
Fair.....	60	64	33	24
Good	14	13	36	42
Excellent	--	--	10	24

NA – not available
 (--) – zero