

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Conditions are warming up and allowing fieldwork to progress in Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Hardin at 86 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in West Yellowstone at 22 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 78 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Terry with 1.21 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 80 percent adequate to surplus, below last year's 88 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 70 percent adequate to surplus which is below last year's 92 percent. Cattle receiving supplemental feed was reported as 48 percent this week, compared to 36 percent in the same week last year. There was another large increase in grazing accessibility with 92 percent of pastures open, compared to 79 percent in the previous report. Calving progress was reported at 91 percent complete compared to 87 percent in the previous report, and 92 percent at this time last year. Winter wheat was reported with 95 percent of the crop breaking dormancy. Winter wheat condition was rated as 54 percent good to excellent compared to 69 percent this time last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	37	20	50	68
Canola				
Planted.....	6	1	26	46
Corn				
Planted.....	6	3	14	28
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	5	1	28	30
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	33	10	68	64
Emerged.....	1	NA	28	15
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	11	1	35	34
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	3	--	21	28
Lentils				
Planted.....	22	4	43	44
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	1	--	2	31
Oats				
Planted.....	14	2	35	44
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	24	6	44	54
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	43	11	58	59
Winter wheat				
Breaking dormancy.....	95	89	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	91	87	92	91
Moved to pasture.....	45	24	26	30
Receiving supplemental feed.....	48	70	36	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	78	72	90	84
Moved to pasture.....	33	18	28	29
Receiving supplemental feed.....	52	76	45	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.0	4.7	5.6	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	2	8
Short.....	16	12	10	21
Adequate.....	61	54	66	62
Surplus.....	19	30	22	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	13	2	7
Short.....	19	17	6	20
Adequate.....	54	46	70	63
Surplus.....	16	24	22	10

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	92	79	NA	NA
Difficult.....	7	15	NA	NA
Closed.....	1	6	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	15	2	7
Poor.....	13	17	2	16
Fair.....	38	37	30	39
Good.....	31	21	42	31
Excellent.....	9	10	24	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	6	3	1	2
Poor.....	10	7	4	6
Fair.....	30	32	26	30
Good.....	23	15	49	45
Excellent.....	31	43	20	17

NA – not available

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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/2018/MT-Weather-05062018.pdf

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