MONTANA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered precipitation and cooler temperatures were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 89 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 85 percent in the previous week and 93 the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 85 percent adequate to surplus which is slightly below last year at 88 percent. Reporters in Toole and McCone counties noted concern of a potential for reduced production due to a late hard freeze and a cooler than normal spring. Barley planted progress was at 73 percent complete by week's end, slightly ahead of last year at 70 percent. Barley emerged was estimated at 42 percent, ahead of last year at 28 percent. Durum wheat planted was reported at 48 percent complete, which is behind both last year at 57 percent and the 5-year average of 72 percent. Planting of pulse crops continued to progress with 70 percent of the lentil crop planted, falling slightly behind last year's progress at 71 percent. Cattle receiving supplemental feed was reported as 38 percent this week, compared to 16 percent in the same week last year. Grazing accessibility was reported with 87 percent of pastures open, compared to 94 percent in the same week last year. A reporter in Judith Basin County noted the winter wheat is struggling from the tough winter but is recovering slowly. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 69 percent good to excellent compared to 64 percent this time last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted	73	59	70	87
Emerged	42	31	28	57
Canola				
Planted	58	46	43	65
Emerged	10	--	18	24
Corn				
Planted	51	39	41	64
Emerged	6	1	6	27
Dry edible beans				
Planted	55	40	45	60
Emerged	2	--	2	18
Dry edible peas				
Planted	77	67	76	89
Emerged	35	25	34	53
Durum wheat				
Planted	48	33	57	72
Emerged	26	14	19	23
Flaxseed				
Planted	48	36	40	60
Emerged	5	--	15	13
Lentils				
Planted	70	54	71	82
Emerged	20	6	33	30
Mustard seed				
Planted	65	47	46	59
Emerged	15	1	8	NA
Oats				
Planted	62	35	50	70
Emerged	22	10	12	38
Safflower				
Planted	19	8	22	38
Emerged	4	--	1	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted	69	55	63	82
Emerged	32	22	24	49
Sugarbeets				
Planted	85	71	85	93
Emerged	38	21	27	47
Winter wheat				
Booted	2	1	28	24
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	95	93	NA	NA
Moved to pasture	57	49	70	65
Receiving supplemental feed	38	57	16	17
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	92	89	92	93
Moved to pasture	65	61	63	65
Receiving supplemental feed	49	64	27	22

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	4.6	6.1	4.9	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	1	--	5
Short	11	14	7	16
Adequate	81	80	69	66
Surplus	8	5	24	13
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	2	2	4
Short	15	18	10	16
Adequate	82	76	77	70
Surplus	3	4	11	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	87	86	94	NA
Difficult	4	6	5	NA
Closed	9	8	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	--	2	3
Poor	5	6	14	12
Fair	30	45	34	38
Good	55	41	36	36
Excellent	9	8	14	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	2	2
Poor	4	4	6	5
Fair	25	20	28	31
Good	42	49	30	38
Excellent	27	25	34	24

NA – not available

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