

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm 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 88 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 92 percent in the previous week and 85 percent the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 80 percent adequate to surplus compared to 77 percent the previous year. Reporters in Wheatland and Meagher counties stated that the warm weather at the end of the week sparked growth in crops and pastures. Barley planted progress was at 92 percent complete by week's end, slightly behind last year at 95 percent. Barley emerged was estimated at 68 percent, falling behind the 5-year average of 84 percent. Durum wheat planted was reported at 92 percent complete, which aligns with last year but falls behind the 5-year average of 94 percent. Planting of oilseeds continued to advance with 67 percent of the canola crop planted, falling slightly behind last year's progress at 70 percent. Flaxseed planting is progressing slowly with only 60 percent of the crop planted, compared to 80 percent in the previous year and a 5-year average of 90 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 87 percent good to excellent compared to 69 percent at this time last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	92	84	95	98
Emerged.....	68	52	73	84
Booted.....	2	1	1	4
Canola				
Planted.....	67	60	70	85
Emerged.....	25	15	49	60
Corn				
Planted.....	75	59	83	91
Emerged.....	35	17	47	66
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	81	63	85	88
Emerged.....	31	15	27	55
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	95	89	95	NA
Emerged.....	65	44	73	84
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	92	73	92	94
Emerged.....	49	30	52	58
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	60	50	80	90
Emerged.....	11	6	53	54
Lentils				
Planted.....	92	83	96	NA
Emerged.....	57	28	72	69
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	78	69	85	83
Emerged.....	33	26	49	59
Oats				
Planted.....	84	73	91	89
Emerged.....	40	27	50	70
Safflower				
Planted.....	40	25	51	59
Emerged.....	11	6	8	34
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	93	83	94	96
Emerged.....	60	40	68	83
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	73	48	75	82
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	30	15	54	54
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	86	77	92	88
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture.....	85	79	88	86

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.....	5.8	5.0	4.4	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	3	7
Short.....	10	7	12	21
Adequate.....	80	83	68	62
Surplus.....	8	9	17	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	1	4	5
Short.....	18	17	19	20
Adequate.....	77	77	69	67
Surplus.....	3	5	8	8

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)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	2	1
Poor.....	--	NA	3	4
Fair.....	8	NA	17	32
Good.....	78	NA	58	47
Excellent.....	14	NA	20	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	2	5
Poor.....	3	3	7	12
Fair.....	28	28	21	32
Good.....	59	56	46	39
Excellent.....	9	13	24	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	3	3
Poor.....	1	NA	4	3
Fair.....	11	NA	23	33
Good.....	79	NA	66	52
Excellent.....	9	NA	4	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	2	2	2
Poor.....	2	4	5	6
Fair.....	10	20	24	32
Good.....	48	34	34	39
Excellent.....	39	40	35	21

NA – not available

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