

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mixed temperatures and scattered moisture were observed throughout Montana last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions were 87 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were 91 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planting continues to make progress with an estimated 79 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 69 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 81 percent. Corn planting made significant progress, with an estimated 61 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 48 percent. Dry edible peas planted is estimated at 79 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 74 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 85 percent. Oilseed planting continues steadily, with an estimated at 47 percent of the flaxseed crop planted, and mustard seed planted is estimated at 50 percent complete. Planting of sugarbeets progressed well, with an estimated 85 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 81 percent. Spring wheat planted was reported at 75 percent complete, which is ahead of the previous year at 65 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 77 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 8 percent of the crop booted, ahead of the previous year at 2 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 72 percent good to excellent, compared to 69 percent this time last year. Calving and lambing is wrapping up, with 95 percent of cows calved and 92 percent of ewes lambed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	79	64	69	81
Emerged.....	49	21	39	53
Canola				
Planted.....	53	38	55	58
Emerged.....	7	NA	7	16
Corn				
Planted.....	61	35	48	59
Emerged.....	3	NA	5	19
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	55	35	51	58
Emerged.....	2	NA	1	14
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	79	60	74	85
Emerged.....	35	12	32	45
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	54	26	44	67
Emerged.....	15	NA	23	22
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	47	32	45	56
Emerged.....	15	1	4	10
Lentils				
Planted.....	73	45	65	78
Emerged.....	25	1	16	28
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	50	24	60	59
Emerged.....	10	--	11	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	71	45	54	66
Emerged.....	32	10	19	33
Safflower				
Planted.....	37	21	16	33
Emerged.....	1	--	3	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	75	50	65	77
Emerged.....	45	25	29	43
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	85	65	81	88
Emerged.....	35	15	33	39
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	8	1	2	20
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	87	94	NA
Moved to pasture.....	65	56	55	60
Receiving supplemental feed.....	37	49	38	24
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	92	84	91	93
Moved to pasture.....	66	55	64	63
Receiving supplemental feed.....	47	57	49	29

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.....	5.1	5.6	4.6	4.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	--	4
Short.....	13	10	11	16
Adequate.....	86	84	81	68
Surplus.....	1	4	8	12
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	4
Short.....	9	7	15	17
Adequate.....	91	86	82	70
Surplus.....	--	7	3	9

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.....	90	90	87	NA
Difficult.....	7	7	4	NA
Closed.....	3	3	9	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	2	2	5	10
Fair.....	52	45	30	37
Good.....	39	43	55	39
Excellent.....	7	10	9	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	5	3	4	5
Fair.....	22	32	25	31
Good.....	61	58	42	38
Excellent.....	11	6	27	24

NA – not available

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