

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moisture was received in some areas of the state last week, while other areas remain dry and warm impacting crop conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions were 85 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were 90 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planting is wrapping up, with an estimated 90 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year and 5-year average at 81 percent and 89 percent, respectively. Corn planting made significant progress, with an estimated 78 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 57 percent. Dry edible peas planted is estimated at 88 percent complete, ahead of the previous year at 86 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 93 percent. Oilseed planting continues steadily, with an estimated at 66 percent of the flaxseed crop planted, and mustard seed planted is estimated at 70 percent complete. Planting of sugarbeets is almost complete, with an estimated 96 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 94 percent. Spring wheat planted was reported at 92 percent complete, which is ahead of the previous year and 5-year average at 79 percent and 87 percent, respectively. Winter wheat was reported with 12 percent of the crop booted, ahead of the previous year at 11 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 32 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 80 percent good to excellent, compared to 74 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.....	90	79	81	89
Emerged.....	69	49	49	66
Canola				
Planted.....	63	53	59	69
Emerged.....	20	7	14	33
Corn				
Planted.....	78	61	57	73
Emerged.....	25	3	14	34
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	80	55	61	72
Emerged.....	15	2	11	30
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	88	79	86	93
Emerged.....	63	35	41	63
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	70	54	66	82
Emerged.....	25	15	29	36
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	66	47	49	70
Emerged.....	20	15	6	23
Lentils				
Planted.....	85	73	79	89
Emerged.....	45	25	26	45
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	70	50	68	72
Emerged.....	25	10	23	37
Oats				
Planted.....	81	71	70	78
Emerged.....	52	32	26	49
Safflower				
Planted.....	51	37	23	41
Emerged.....	21	1	5	19
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	92	75	79	87
Emerged.....	72	45	38	58
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	96	85	94	NA
Emerged.....	55	35	45	56
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	12	8	11	32
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	84	65	71	75
Receiving supplemental feed.....	11	37	22	16
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	94	92	93	NA
Moved to pasture.....	83	66	75	75
Receiving supplemental feed.....	27	47	29	19

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.....	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	--	1	6
Short.....	14	13	7	16
Adequate.....	83	86	83	68
Surplus.....	2	1	9	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	1	4
Short.....	10	9	17	19
Adequate.....	88	91	77	68
Surplus.....	2	--	5	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)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	32	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	58	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	93	90	NA	NA
Difficult.....	4	7	NA	NA
Closed.....	3	3	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	3
Poor.....	2	2	3	10
Fair.....	35	52	28	36
Good.....	45	39	56	39
Excellent.....	17	7	13	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	73	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	2
Poor.....	4	5	4	5
Fair.....	13	22	20	31
Good.....	47	61	34	34
Excellent.....	33	11	40	28

NA – not available

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