

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Some moisture was received across the state of Montana last week, but drought conditions persist, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions were 42 percent adequate to surplus, down significantly from the previous year at 87 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 37 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planted was estimated at 71 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 76 percent. Planting of dry edible beans progressed well this week, with an estimated 45 percent of the crop planted, behind the 5-year average of 55 percent. Durum wheat planting progressed, with an estimated 44 percent of the crop planted. Oats planted is estimated at 49 percent complete. Oilseed planting is progressing well, with an estimated 44 percent of canola and 46 percent of flaxseed planted, both behind the 5-year averages of 49 percent and 47 percent, respectively. Spring wheat planted was reported at 71 percent complete, equal to the previous year and the 5-year average. Sugarbeet planting progressed well, with an estimated 62 percent of the crop planted, well behind the 5-year average of 84 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 48 percent good to excellent compared to 72 percent this time last year. Calving and lambing are wrapping up, with 95 percent of cows calved and 91 percent of ewes lambbed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	71	58	77	76
Emerged.....	44	22	45	44
Canola				
Planted.....	44	30	51	49
Emerged.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	35	18	57	52
Emerged.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	45	27	52	55
Emerged.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	67	53	76	80
Emerged.....	33	13	32	39
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	44	30	50	56
Emerged.....	8	5	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	46	27	45	47
Emerged.....	11	1	13	10
Lentils				
Planted.....	58	42	69	73
Emerged.....	21	6	22	24
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	45	31	46	51
Emerged.....	10	2	9	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	49	31	67	60
Emerged.....	17	5	29	28
Safflower				
Planted.....	30	20	35	26
Emerged.....	2	1	1	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	71	53	71	71
Emerged.....	34	20	42	36
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	62	43	82	84
Emerged.....	16	9	32	28
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	4	2	7	15
Headed.....	1	--	--	--
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	91	94	NA
Moved to pasture.....	49	33	64	60
Receiving supplemental feed.....	41	59	37	25
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	91	83	91	91
Moved to pasture.....	54	32	64	62
Receiving supplemental feed.....	32	63	47	34

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.....	5.9	5.4	5.1	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	29	--	2
Short.....	35	28	13	13
Adequate.....	39	41	86	74
Surplus.....	3	2	1	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	33	--	2
Short.....	39	29	9	13
Adequate.....	36	37	91	78
Surplus.....	1	1	--	7

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.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	46	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	48	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Dry Peas				
Very poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	38	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	57	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	76	83	90	NA
Difficult.....	10	7	7	NA
Closed.....	14	10	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	28	--	2
Poor.....	27	26	2	8
Fair.....	29	32	52	37
Good.....	10	13	39	41
Excellent.....	2	1	7	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	51	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	43	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	4	1	1
Poor.....	11	19	5	5
Fair.....	38	28	22	29
Good.....	33	44	61	43
Excellent.....	15	5	11	22

NA – not available

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