

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much needed moisture fell across the state of Montana last week improving drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in Golden Valley and Hill counties reported receiving snow and rain events the past week. Topsoil moisture conditions were 63 percent adequate to surplus, down from the previous year at 85 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 43 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planted was estimated at 83 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 86 percent. Corn plantings continue to progress well, with an estimated 56 percent of the crop planted, behind both the previous year and 5-year average of 76 percent and 70 percent, respectively. Planting of dry edible beans progressed well this week, with an estimated 64 percent of the crop planted, behind the 5-year average of 72 percent. Durum wheat planting progressed significantly, with an estimated 64 percent of the crop planted. Oats planted is estimated at 72 percent complete. Oilseed planting is progressing well, with an estimated 57 percent of canola and 63 percent of flaxseed planted. Spring wheat planted was reported at 87 percent complete, behind the previous year at 90 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 85 percent. Sugarbeet planting progressed well, with an estimated 81 percent of the crop planted, well behind the previous year of 94 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 52 percent good to excellent compared to 80 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.....	83	71	88	86
Emerged.....	58	44	66	59
Canola				
Planted.....	57	44	62	62
Emerged.....	19	2	18	23
Corn				
Planted.....	56	35	76	70
Emerged.....	19	2	22	27
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	64	45	76	72
Emerged.....	19	4	13	21
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	80	67	87	89
Emerged.....	51	33	59	57
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	64	44	68	73
Emerged.....	26	8	24	29
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	63	46	63	63
Emerged.....	25	11	19	18
Lentils				
Planted.....	76	58	83	85
Emerged.....	40	21	42	42
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	65	45	67	68
Emerged.....	30	10	23	29
Oats				
Planted.....	72	49	80	74
Emerged.....	38	17	49	43
Safflower				
Planted.....	43	30	49	36
Emerged.....	10	2	18	11
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	87	71	90	85
Emerged.....	58	34	68	54
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	81	62	94	NA
Emerged.....	40	16	52	46
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	13	4	11	25
Headed.....	2	1	--	1
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	66	49	81	76
Receiving supplemental feed.....	30	41	11	15
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	95	91	94	NA
Moved to pasture.....	69	54	81	75
Receiving supplemental feed.....	23	32	27	21

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.....	3.8	5.9	5.2	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	23	1	4
Short.....	18	35	14	13
Adequate.....	56	39	83	74
Surplus.....	7	3	2	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	21	24	--	3
Short.....	36	39	10	16
Adequate.....	40	36	88	74
Surplus.....	3	1	2	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
Poor.....	6	3	2	NA
Fair.....	27	46	32	NA
Good.....	58	48	58	NA
Excellent.....	9	--	8	NA
Dry Peas				
Very poor.....	--	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	9	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	38	NA	NA
Good.....	66	57	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	--	NA	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	80	76	93	NA
Difficult.....	13	10	4	NA
Closed.....	7	14	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	24	32	1	3
Poor.....	26	27	2	8
Fair.....	36	29	35	32
Good.....	13	10	45	42
Excellent.....	1	2	17	15
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	3	--	NA
Poor.....	8	3	1	NA
Fair.....	30	51	23	NA
Good.....	59	43	73	NA
Excellent.....	3	--	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	3	2
Poor.....	9	11	4	5
Fair.....	37	38	13	27
Good.....	33	33	47	35
Excellent.....	19	15	33	31

NA – not available

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