

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered heavy rain and snow received across much of Montana last week helped to reduce the drought like conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters in Powder River County reported extremely dry conditions with heavy insect presents the past week. Topsoil moisture conditions were 57 percent adequate to surplus, down from the previous year at 86 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 40 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planted was estimated at 89 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average of 93 percent. Corn plantings continued, with an estimated 64 percent of the crop planted, behind both the previous year and 5-year average of 85 percent and 83 percent, respectively. Planting of dry edible beans lagged this week, with an estimated 78 percent of the crop planted, behind last year at 89 percent and the 5-year average of 85 percent. Forty percent of dry beans have emerged. Durum wheat planting progressed significantly, with an estimated 89 percent of the crop planted, ahead of both the previous year and the 5-year average. Oats planted is estimated at 86 percent complete with just over half of oats emerged. Oilseed planting continues to progress well, with an estimated 72 percent of canola and 69 percent of flaxseed planted. Spring wheat planted was reported at 94 percent complete, behind the previous year at 96 percent and but slightly ahead of the 5-year average of 93 percent. Sugarbeet planting progressed slower than expected, with an estimated 83 percent of the crop planted, well behind the previous year at 100 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 46 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.....	89	83	95	93
Emerged.....	71	58	80	73
Canola				
Planted.....	72	57	67	71
Emerged.....	36	19	29	36
Corn				
Planted.....	64	56	85	83
Emerged.....	28	19	39	46
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	78	64	89	85
Emerged.....	40	19	32	41
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	86	80	91	NA
Emerged.....	62	51	68	71
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	89	64	78	87
Emerged.....	47	26	28	44
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	69	63	77	77
Emerged.....	43	25	36	34
Lentils				
Planted.....	88	76	89	NA
Emerged.....	61	40	59	60
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	89	65	88	81
Emerged.....	55	30	34	42
Oats				
Planted.....	86	72	88	84
Emerged.....	56	38	63	56
Safflower				
Planted.....	50	43	56	44
Emerged.....	15	10	30	19
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	94	87	96	93
Emerged.....	74	58	81	69
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	83	81	NA	NA
Emerged.....	58	40	69	64
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	42	13	27	40
Headed.....	5	2	--	6
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	81	66	90	86
Receiving supplemental feed.....	20	30	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture.....	83	69	89	85
Receiving supplemental feed.....	15	23	17	NA

NA – not available; (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	4.6	3.8	6.3	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	21	19	2	6
Short	22	18	12	15
Adequate	57	56	86	72
Surplus	--	7	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	25	21	--	4
Short	35	36	10	17
Adequate	40	40	90	75
Surplus	--	3	--	4

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	1	--	--	1
Poor	8	6	--	2
Fair	28	27	25	22
Good	63	58	68	60
Excellent	--	9	7	15
Dry Peas				
Very poor	1	--	--	NA
Poor	8	9	--	NA
Fair	20	23	30	NA
Good	71	66	67	NA
Excellent	--	2	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	25	24	--	4
Poor	31	26	4	7
Fair	30	36	30	29
Good	13	13	46	45
Excellent	1	1	20	15
Spring wheat				
Very poor	1	--	--	2
Poor	10	8	1	2
Fair	30	30	14	22
Good	59	59	80	66
Excellent	--	3	5	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor	4	2	3	2
Poor	17	9	4	5
Fair	33	37	13	23
Good	36	33	60	43
Excellent	10	19	20	27

NA – not available

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