

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana received scattered precipitation this week accompanied by high winds, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Golden Valley and Musselshell Counties reported scattered showers. Glacier and Valley Counties reported that moisture received from showers was dried out by excessive winds and the moisture brought little relief to drought conditions. Judith Basin and Blaine Counties reported very high winds, isolated showers, and overnight temperatures below freezing. Daily average temperatures ranged from 2 to 6 degrees colder than average for most of the State this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for May 19, 2022, 95.3 percent of the State is now experiencing drought conditions – an increase of 2.2 percentage points from last week. Abnormally dry conditions increased from 7.7 percent last week to 12.3 percent this week. Moderate drought conditions increased slightly from 20.1 percent last week to 21.9 percent this week. Severe drought covered 52.0 percent of the State, a decrease from 46.2 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions remained at 19.1 percent of the State. Reports from Valley County indicate crops are beginning to emerge. Subsoil in the county is still very dry and drought conditions persist. Glacier and Judith Basin Counties reported slow crop progress due to cool, windy conditions and little moisture. Emergence of sugarbeets began this week. Winter wheat was reported 2 percent headed, compared to 2 percent headed 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	80	81	83
Emerged	60	36	56	52
Canola				
Planted	65	45	55	55
Emerged	27	5	17	15
Corn				
Planted	39	25	53	62
Emerged	10	1	17	20
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted	60	40	61	64
Emerged	15	4	17	11
Dry edible peas				
Planted	93	80	78	84
Emerged	51	30	48	51
Durum wheat				
Planted	65	50	61	66
Emerged	30	10	23	25
Flaxseed				
Planted	50	40	61	57
Emerged	15	6	23	18
Lentils				
Planted	84	72	73	81
Emerged	49	30	37	39
Mustard seed				
Planted	75	65	62	62
Emerged	30	15	27	22
Oats				
Planted	70	50	69	68
Emerged	43	17	35	34
Safflower				
Planted	50	30	41	32
Emerged	15	3	9	6
Spring wheat				
Planted	85	70	85	81
Emerged	59	30	55	48
Sugarbeets				
Planted	35	20	78	NA
Emerged	1	NA	37	43
Winter wheat				
Booted	30	25	12	17
Headed	2	1	2	--
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	97	92	NA	NA
Moved to pasture	51	41	64	71
Receiving supplemental feed	55	64	30	18
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	97	90	94	NA
Moved to pasture	60	58	67	72
Receiving supplemental feed	45	56	23	22

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	3.8	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	18	26	19	7
Short	56	47	18	14
Adequate	26	27	56	70
Surplus	--	--	7	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	49	48	21	6
Short	32	31	36	19
Adequate	19	21	40	69
Surplus	--	--	3	6

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	78	75	80	NA
Difficult	16	16	13	NA
Closed	6	9	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	34	43	24	7
Poor	31	34	26	11
Fair	26	19	36	31
Good	9	4	13	37
Excellent	--	--	1	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor	14	18	2	2
Poor	9	14	9	5
Fair	64	57	37	29
Good	13	11	33	34
Excellent	--	--	19	30

NA – not available

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