

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: A much needed rain storm provided most of Montana with ample precipitation of over 3 inches in some locations this weekend. Chilly temperatures have stunted crop development a bit and some areas saw their first hail damage of the season. Seeding of small grains is nearing completion ahead of last year and the five year average. Livestock birthing is also wrapping and producers are moving the animals to summer pastures ahead of the five year average as grasses are greening up across the State.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	98	92	86	81
Emerged.....	82	66	37	41
Camelina				
Planted.....	65	60	25	58
Emerged.....	33	26	--	23
Canola				
Planted.....	87	77	67	68
Emerged.....	32	5	19	20
Corn				
Planted.....	80	56	49	59
Emerged.....	30	6	23	17
Dry beans				
Planted.....	61	59	34	37
Emerged.....	28	1	2	6
Dry peas				
Planted.....	95	88	81	80
Emerged.....	53	24	40	28
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	96	67	45	53
Emerged.....	30	16	9	15
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	79	58	40	46
Emerged.....	7	NA	2	8
Lentils				
Planted.....	84	64	68	77
Emerged.....	31	11	2	21
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	77	76	35	59
Emerged.....	30	3	5	17
Oats				
Planted.....	89	79	54	64
Emerged.....	47	36	20	29
Potatoes				
Planted.....	44	12	13	38
Emerged.....	2	NA	--	4
Safflower				
Planted.....	65	63	29	34
Emerged.....	48	29	5	6

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	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Spring wheat				
Planted	95	86	71	72
Emerged	70	57	32	31
Sugarbeets				
Planted	96	89	97	80
Emerged	76	48	42	40
Winter wheat				
Boot Stage.....	24	14	4	7
Cattle				
Moved to summer ranges	55	38	59	49
Receiving supplemental feed	31	38	38	NA
Cows calved	96	94	92	96
Ewes lambed	95	90	85	87
Sheep				
Moved to summer ranges	64	50	55	43
Receiving supplemental feed	25	39	35	NA

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	5	4	2	5
Poor.....	14	14	14	15
Fair.....	48	49	37	36
Good	30	32	41	37
Excellent	3	1	6	7

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.6	6.4	5.3	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	9	4	5
Short	29	38	9	17
Adequate.....	52	47	74	63
Surplus.....	8	6	13	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	7	2	7
Short	26	25	12	18
Adequate.....	53	55	81	66
Surplus.....	13	13	5	9

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	1	2	38	45	14
Spring wheat	2	3	31	53	11
Winter wheat.....	3	7	32	39	19

Montana's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/MT_Weather_05172015.pdf