

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Parts of Montana received a decent amount of precipitation this week but others continue to run at a deficit which is really hurting crops and pasture lands in those areas. Overall, it was another cooler, cloudy week that ended hot and summer-like which allowed for a jump in crop development. Reporters are noting frost and hail damage to winter wheat, spring wheat and barley, as well as cutworm damage to barley crops in some areas. Winter wheat is heading out in several areas around the State with 13 percent headed, which is ahead of normal, and the wheat is very short due to sustained cooler temperatures. Livestock producers have mostly stopped providing supplemental feed but crested wheat grass has begun heading out around the State and there are some concerns about adequate forage for the season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	96	90	85	76
Boot Stage .....	3	--	2	2
Camelina				
Planted .....	85	75	31	79
Emerged.....	52	51	19	55
Blooming.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Canola				
Planted .....	96	93	92	94
Emerged.....	89	60	61	59
Blooming.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted .....	94	85	86	86
Emerged.....	71	47	64	57
Dry beans				
Planted .....	86	66	82	70
Emerged.....	61	47	41	31
Dry peas				
Emerged.....	94	77	78	68
Blooming.....	6	NA	--	2
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	78	49	38	46
Boot Stage .....	1	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted .....	95	91	90	80
Emerged.....	63	35	47	43
Lentils				
Emerged.....	69	49	48	62
Blooming.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Planted .....	86	80	70	78
Emerged.....	84	56	41	48
Oats				
Planted .....	94	92	85	85
Emerged.....	90	70	58	61
Boot Stage .....	3	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Planted .....	85	66	52	71
Emerged.....	23	7	24	22
Safflower				
Planted .....	86	68	67	61
Emerged.....	61	55	41	31
Spring wheat				
Emerged.....	97	81	79	70
Boot stage .....	7	1	1	1
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	96	94	92	79
Winter wheat				
Boot stage .....	75	39	12	24
Headed.....	13	--	--	--
Cattle				
Moved to summer ranges.....	87	70	79	73
Receiving supplemental feed.....	7	17	16	NA
Sheep				
Moved to summer ranges.....	83	71	80	66
Receiving supplemental feed.....	10	18	16	NA

NA – not available

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**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.3	4.9	5.8	3.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	9	4	2
Short.....	30	30	13	9
Adequate.....	57	54	69	61
Surplus.....	6	7	14	28
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	8	2	4
Short.....	25	25	14	14
Adequate.....	55	53	75	63
Surplus.....	13	14	9	19

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	2	--	NA
Fair.....	33	36	54	NA
Good.....	45	46	39	NA
Excellent.....	17	15	7	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	44	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	48	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	28	21	39	NA
Good.....	59	66	55	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	6	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	3	3
Poor.....	17	14	11	11
Fair.....	44	48	34	31
Good.....	30	30	43	41
Excellent.....	5	4	9	14
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	32	31	38	NA
Good.....	51	52	54	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	7	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	1
Poor.....	7	8	6	6
Fair.....	35	32	28	30
Good.....	37	39	47	48
Excellent.....	19	18	18	15

NA – not available

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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\\_05312015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/MT_Weather_05312015.pdf)