

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana was cooler this week and received moisture throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Zortman received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 3.76 inches of moisture, and all weather stations reported receiving moisture ranging from 0.09 of an inch to 3.76 inches. High temperatures ranged from the lower 60s to the upper 80s with a state wide high temperature of 87 degrees recorded at Loma. Winter wheat boot stage is 32 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress with, condition in line with the five year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	89	83	96	82
Emerged.....	74	50	77	43
Camelina				
Planted.....	60	50	64	48
Emerged.....	29	20	31	16
Canola				
Planted.....	67	58	84	61
Emerged.....	24	13	24	17
Corn				
Planted.....	68	57	73	56
Emerged.....	23	12	23	15
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	88	60	60	39
Emerged.....	30	17	20	8
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	92	86	93	77
Emerged.....	52	30	45	23
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	71	60	88	51
Emerged.....	23	14	26	9
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	71	65	73	44
Emerged.....	10	6	5	4
Lentils				
Planted.....	78	70	78	69
Emerged.....	26	10	25	13
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	75	63	77	53
Emerged.....	30	5	22	10
Oats				
Planted.....	80	71	86	61
Emerged.....	44	22	44	27
Potatoes				
Planted.....	27	11	35	33
Emerged.....	5	NA	1	3
Safflower				
Planted.....	44	30	64	37
Emerged.....	7	5	43	12
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	86	78	92	70
Emerged.....	48	34	66	30
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	87	76	94	77
Emerged.....	28	10	68	38
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	32	24	21	9
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	61	43	50	47
Receiving supplemental feed.....	32	39	31	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	91	90	94	86
Moved to summer ranges.....	64	38	60	44
Receiving supplemental feed.....	35	48	25	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.7	5.9	4.6	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	6	11	7
Short.....	12	15	29	21
Adequate.....	76	74	52	59
Surplus.....	6	5	8	13
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	8	8
Short.....	23	25	26	20
Adequate.....	63	62	53	61
Surplus.....	7	6	13	11

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	1	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	2	NA
Fair.....	34	NA	38	NA
Good.....	38	NA	45	NA
Excellent.....	27	NA	14	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	81	80	NA	NA
Difficult.....	9	9	NA	NA
Closed.....	10	11	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	5	5	6
Poor.....	13	16	14	17
Fair.....	44	47	48	38
Good.....	35	29	30	33
Excellent.....	3	3	3	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	2
Poor.....	5	5	7	8
Fair.....	30	31	32	30
Good.....	45	46	39	44
Excellent.....	19	17	19	16

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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/2016/MT_Weather_05152016.pdf