

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana had another mostly cool, wet week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Seeley Lake received the highest amount of precipitation for the week with 2.59 inches of moisture, and most other weather stations reported receiving moisture ranging from 0.02 of an inch to 1.93 inches. High temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the lower 80s. Winter wheat headed is 18 percent complete, ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Reporters are noting that most areas are receiving ample precipitation but warmer temperatures will be welcome to aid crop development. Livestock producers continue to move their herds out to summer pastures ahead of last year and the five-year average for both cattle and sheep. Pasture and range conditions are 46 percent good to excellent compared with 35 percent last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	94	92	100	94
Emerged.....	89	83	94	74
Boot Stage.....	2	--	2	1
Camelina				
Planted.....	75	70	82	76
Emerged.....	40	34	52	49
Canola				
Planted.....	89	82	95	93
Emerged.....	65	43	81	58
Corn				
Planted.....	90	81	91	82
Emerged.....	62	37	64	51
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	92	91	80	69
Emerged.....	69	51	57	34
Dry edible peas				
Emerged.....	84	69	89	64
Blooming.....	1	--	4	3
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	91	82	100	82
Emerged.....	60	33	70	42
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	85	78	94	86
Emerged.....	33	13	55	46
Lentils				
Planted.....	94	89	98	94
Emerged.....	65	40	63	54
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	88	85	84	74
Emerged.....	73	51	76	44
Oats				
Planted.....	95	91	93	85
Emerged.....	84	71	84	61
Potatoes				
Planted.....	36	32	80	66
Emerged.....	16	12	18	22
Safflower				
Planted.....	59	55	81	65
Emerged.....	42	27	59	37
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	96	93	99	88
Emerged.....	83	70	92	69
Boot Stage.....	1	--	5	2
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	95	94	100	93
Emerged.....	46	37	95	75
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	59	45	65	29
Headed.....	18	1	9	2
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	84	76	82	74
Receiving supplemental feed.....	14	18	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to summer ranges.....	84	76	80	69
Receiving supplemental feed.....	17	22	10	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	4.3	4.3	3.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	6	7	4
Short.....	12	13	30	13
Adequate.....	72	70	57	58
Surplus.....	11	11	6	25
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	7	7	5
Short.....	21	22	25	17
Adequate.....	66	64	55	59
Surplus.....	7	7	13	19

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.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	1	--	4	NA
Fair.....	30	30	33	NA
Good.....	41	42	45	NA
Excellent.....	28	28	17	NA
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	48	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	44	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	2		3	NA
Fair.....	29	28	35	NA
Good.....	60	61	46	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	14	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	85	82	NA	NA
Difficult.....	6	8	NA	NA
Closed.....	9	10	NA	NA
Mustard Seed				
Very poor.....	--	NA	7	NA
Poor.....	6	NA	8	NA
Fair.....	28	NA	16	NA
Good.....	63	NA	52	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	17	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	NA	1	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	2	NA
Fair.....	38	NA	28	NA
Good.....	54	NA	59	NA
Excellent.....	6	NA	10	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	4
Poor.....	11	12	17	13
Fair.....	39	41	44	35
Good.....	39	38	30	36
Excellent.....	7	5	5	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	24	25	32	NA
Good.....	59	58	51	NA
Excellent.....	14	14	11	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	2	2
Poor.....	6	5	7	7
Fair.....	27	27	35	30
Good.....	42	43	37	45
Excellent.....	23	24	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_05292016.pdf