

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 5, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana was mostly warm and dry this week with scattered precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The dry weather allowed producers to make good headway in their field work and crops developed nicely over the course of the week. Producers began harvesting hay ahead of normal for both alfalfa and other hay. Livestock producers continue to move their herds out to summer pastures ahead of normal for both cattle and sheep but some are still having to provide supplemental feed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
First cutting.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Planted.....	99	94	100	96
Emerged.....	92	89	98	85
Boot stage.....	7	2	22	8
Camelina				
Planted.....	80	75	96	86
Emerged.....	62	40	59	63
Canola				
Planted.....	93	89	99	96
Emerged.....	75	65	92	73
Blooming.....	2	NA	16	4
Corn				
Planted.....	96	90	96	90
Emerged.....	76	62	80	71
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	98	92	87	79
Emerged.....	79	69	62	42
Dry edible peas				
Emerged.....	94	84	96	79
Blooming.....	13	1	7	7
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	98	91	100	88
Emerged.....	74	60	82	60
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	90	85	99	93
Emerged.....	67	35	78	66
Lentils				
Planted.....	99	94	100	96
Emerged.....	89	65	79	73
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	97	88	87	82
Emerged.....	85	73	85	66
Blooming.....	17	--	5	1
Oats				
Emerged.....	96	84	94	74
Boot stage.....	1	--	13	6
Other hay				
First cutting.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Planted.....	83	36	88	78
Emerged.....	31	16	36	36
Safflower				
Planted.....	65	59	87	75
Emerged.....	47	42	62	53
Spring wheat				
Emerged.....	96	83	98	80
Boot stage.....	8	1	14	5
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	64	46	99	90
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	78	59	86	45
Headed.....	36	18	31	8
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	92	84	91	83
Receiving supplemental feed.....	10	14	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to summer ranges.....	90	84	89	80
Receiving supplemental feed.....	14	17	NA	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	3.7	4.7	4.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	5	6	4
Short.....	13	12	28	16
Adequate.....	74	72	57	58
Surplus.....	6	11	9	22
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	7	5
Short.....	22	21	22	17
Adequate.....	67	66	58	61
Surplus.....	4	7	13	17

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION¹

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	6
Fair.....	29	30	33	37
Good.....	43	41	44	43
Excellent.....	27	28	18	13
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	2	NA	3	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	3	NA
Fair.....	41	NA	44	NA
Good.....	49	NA	48	NA
Excellent.....	5	NA	2	NA
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	86	85	NA	NA
Difficult.....	5	6	NA	NA
Closed.....	9	9	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	2	2	2	NA
Fair.....	36	38	31	NA
Good.....	55	54	56	NA
Excellent.....	7	6	10	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	3
Poor.....	10	11	17	14
Fair.....	38	39	40	34
Good.....	40	39	32	36
Excellent.....	8	7	7	13
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	1
Poor.....	2	2	3	4
Fair.....	23	24	32	39
Good.....	54	59	51	48
Excellent.....	20	14	11	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	2
Poor.....	6	6	7	8
Fair.....	27	27	35	31
Good.....	41	42	37	45
Excellent.....	24	23	19	14

¹Current conditions for Canola, Corn, Dry Edible Beans, Dry Peas, Lentils, and Mustard Seed are available using the QuickStats on-line database at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/

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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_06052016.pdf