

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: This week in Montana was mixed with most areas having a few hot days and some very cold nights but precipitation was hit or miss, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. High temperatures ranged from the upper 50s to the mid 70s and low temperatures ranged from 19 degrees in Wisdom to the mid 30s. The highest amount of precipitation recorded was in Livingston with 2.97 inches of moisture while other stations recorded between zero and 2.49 inches of moisture. Planting conditions varied greatly across the state this week due to precipitation and areas that didn't receive heavy precipitation were able to get into the field more but are conversely in need of precipitation soon. Winter wheat condition declined slightly from the previous week due to weather variation and is rated 52 percent good to excellent which is behind last year and the 5-year average for this time. Pasture and range land conditions declined slightly from last week and are currently rated 60 percent good to excellent compared with 43 percent last year and the 5-year average of 40 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	89	81	92	94
Emerged.....	54	45	82	69
Camelina				
Planted.....	35	19	69	64
Emerged.....	5	NA	33	28
Canola				
Planted.....	49	35	80	86
Emerged.....	4	--	40	40
Corn				
Planted.....	76	48	79	75
Emerged.....	39	21	35	32
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	68	43	91	67
Emerged.....	8	2	48	26
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	94	90	95	95
Emerged.....	66	47	67	54
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	59	40	77	76
Emerged.....	20	15	13	21
Lentils				
Planted.....	95	91	87	90
Emerged.....	49	26	38	35
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	57	28	84	78
Emerged.....	25	NA	48	32
Oats				
Planted.....	62	57	89	84
Emerged.....	46	35	67	52
Potatoes				
Planted.....	55	35	31	51
Emerged.....	7	NA	11	10
Safflower				
Planted.....	20	15	53	58
Sugarbeets				
Emerged.....	50	25	36	53
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	76	64	80	75
Emerged.....	21	13	32	25
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	86	77	92	90
Emerged.....	52	41	67	56
Winter wheat				
Boot stage.....	24	10	43	22
Cattle and calves				
Moved to summer ranges.....	70	48	74	66
Receiving supplemental feed.....	16	23	18	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Lambing completed.....	96	94	94	93
Moved to summer ranges.....	70	57	74	65
Receiving supplemental feed.....	23	23	22	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.1	6.4	4.3	4.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	6	6
Short.....	19	18	13	19
Adequate.....	66	74	70	66
Surplus.....	10	4	11	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	2	7	7
Short.....	10	15	22	22
Adequate.....	74	78	64	64
Surplus.....	13	5	7	7

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	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	25	NA	30	NA
Good.....	53	NA	42	NA
Excellent.....	22	NA	28	NA
Dry edible peas				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	2	NA
Fair.....	38	NA	28	NA
Good.....	52	NA	61	NA
Excellent.....	9	NA	9	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	4	5
Poor.....	5	2	12	15
Fair.....	33	33	41	40
Good.....	36	40	38	35
Excellent.....	24	23	5	5
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	3	3	5	7
Fair.....	44	35	27	30
Good.....	38	47	43	43
Excellent.....	14	14	24	18

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/MT_Weather_05212017.pdf