

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation over the past week improved pasture and range conditions but slowed fieldwork in Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Loma and Superior at 85 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Cut Bank at 26 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 92 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Big Timber with 2.73 inches of moisture. Reporters noted that rains late in the week delayed field work which was already lagging due to the late spring. Some low lying fields had standing water, but pastures were helped by the moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 87 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 78 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 77 percent adequate to surplus which is below last year's 83 percent. Cattle receiving supplemental feed was reported as 38 percent this week, compared to 23 percent in the same week last year. There was an increase in cattle turned out to pasture with 61 percent of cattle moved to pasture this week, compared to 45 percent in the previous report. Winter wheat was reported with 13 percent of the crop having booted. Winter wheat condition was rated as 58 percent good to excellent compared to 61 percent this time last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	58	37	77	83
Emerged.....	7	--	42	48
Canola				
Planted.....	22	6	34	59
Corn				
Planted.....	22	6	43	53
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	25	5	41	49
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	62	33	87	80
Emerged.....	13	1	45	31
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	39	11	60	53
Emerged.....	1	NA	12	11
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	23	3	38	42
Lentils				
Planted.....	55	22	85	67
Emerged.....	12	NA	24	13
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	27	1	24	51
Oats				
Planted.....	32	14	54	62
Emerged.....	1	--	32	27
Potatoes				
Planted.....	7	--	31	28
Safflower				
Planted.....	12	--	14	36
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	48	24	73	73
Emerged.....	4	--	38	33
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	64	43	90	79
Emerged.....	2	NA	22	27
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	13	--	9	14
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	91	95	95
Moved to pasture.....	61	45	45	48
Receiving supplemental feed.....	38	48	23	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed.....	87	78	94	90
Moved to pasture.....	45	33	53	51
Receiving supplemental feed.....	38	52	23	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	4.7	6.0	6.4	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4	4	8
Short.....	11	16	18	20
Adequate.....	70	61	74	65
Surplus.....	17	19	4	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	11	2	8
Short.....	15	19	15	22
Adequate.....	56	54	78	64
Surplus.....	21	16	5	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Grazing accessibility				
Open.....	96	92	NA	NA
Difficult.....	4	7	NA	NA
Closed.....	--	1	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	9	2	6
Poor.....	13	13	2	14
Fair.....	46	38	33	40
Good.....	33	31	40	33
Excellent.....	5	9	23	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	6	1	2
Poor.....	9	10	3	6
Fair.....	30	30	35	32
Good.....	26	23	47	45
Excellent.....	31	31	14	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/2018/MT-Weather-05132018.pdf

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