

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana experienced a mix of weather last week depending on location, from scattered rain benefiting crops and pastures to colder and drier weather that diminished topsoil moisture and set back wheat progress, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 85 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 87 percent in the previous week and the previous year. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated 80 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year at 77 percent. A reporter in Cascade county noted a hard freeze during the week with damage not yet known. Barley planted progress was at 59 percent complete by week's end, slightly ahead of last year at 55 percent. Barley emerged was estimated at 31 percent, ahead of last year at 6 percent but behind the five-year average of 42 percent. Durum wheat planted was reported at 33 percent complete, which is behind both last year at 35 percent and the 5-year average of 52 percent. Fourteen percent of the Durum wheat crop had emerged. Planting of pulse crops continued to progress with 54 percent of the lentil crop planted, ahead of last year's progress at 50 percent. Dry edible peas planted was at 67 percent complete, also ahead of last year's progress at 58 percent. Cattle receiving supplemental feed was reported as 57 percent this week, compared to 38 percent in the same week last year. Grazing accessibility was reported with 86 percent of pastures open, compared to 96 percent in the same week last year. Calving progress was reported at 93 percent complete compared to 88 percent in the previous week, and 94 percent at this time last year. Reporters in Valley, Meagher, and Wheatland counties reported beneficial precipitation in some form as Phillips, Roosevelt, Carter and Fallon reported dry and windy conditions. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 74 percent good to excellent compared to 58 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.....	59	32	55	77
Emerged.....	31	6	6	42
Canola				
Planted.....	46	28	20	49
Corn				
Planted.....	39	12	20	44
Emerged.....	1	NA	--	10
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	40	15	22	43
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	67	48	58	78
Emerged.....	25	3	11	30
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	33	18	35	52
Emerged.....	14	--	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	36	30	20	41
Lentils				
Planted.....	54	33	50	64
Emerged.....	6	1	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	47	25	23	43
Emerged.....	1	--	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	35	18	29	54
Emerged.....	10	2	1	23
Safflower				
Planted.....	8	5	10	29
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	55	32	45	68
Emerged.....	22	7	3	31
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	71	45	61	82
Emerged.....	21	5	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	1	--	11	14
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	93	88	94	94
Moved to pasture.....	49	32	59	49
Receiving supplemental feed.....	57	58	38	32
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	89	83	86	89
Moved to pasture.....	61	42	43	48
Receiving supplemental feed.....	64	66	38	31

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.....	6.1	4.2	4.7	5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	2	5
Short.....	14	12	11	16
Adequate.....	80	77	70	69
Surplus.....	5	10	17	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	8	5
Short.....	18	14	15	18
Adequate.....	76	77	56	67
Surplus.....	4	7	21	10

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.....	86	82	96	NA
Difficult.....	6	12	4	NA
Closed.....	8	6	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	6	5	13	11
Fair.....	45	45	46	42
Good.....	41	39	33	36
Excellent.....	8	11	5	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	--	3	2
Poor.....	4	5	9	6
Fair.....	20	14	30	31
Good.....	49	56	26	40
Excellent.....	25	25	32	21

NA – not available

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