

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 5, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Montana experienced sparse precipitation and below average temperatures this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Temperatures were 4 degrees colder than normal for this time of year and rainfall totals ranged from .5 to 1.5 inches. Blaine and Powder River Counties received much needed moisture this week. Precipitation totals for the year are 2 to 4 inches below average for most of the State. Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Glacier Counties continue to report dry, cool, windy weather and persisting drought conditions. According to the United States Drought Monitor for June 2, 2022, 94.7 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. The amount of land rated as abnormally dry increased to cover 18.7 percent of the State. Moderate drought conditions increased to cover 27.0 percent of the State, compared to 22.5 percent last week, while severe drought conditions decreased to cover 33.4 percent of the State, compared to 43.5 percent last week. Extreme drought conditions decreased slightly from 16.8 percent last week to 15.6 percent of the State this week. Musselshell and Golden Valley Counties reported that cool temperatures are slowing grass growth. There were reports from Roosevelt County of warmer temperatures beginning to stress dry pastures. Seed emergence is delayed in Valley County due to drought conditions.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	99	94	95	96
Emerged .....	90	81	79	79
Booted .....	10	1	4	4
Canola				
Planted .....	83	73	79	77
Emerged .....	67	39	47	41
Corn				
Planted .....	67	53	72	85
Emerged .....	41	19	30	52
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted .....	88	75	84	89
Emerged .....	60	35	48	46
Dry edible peas				
Emerged .....	84	65	69	75
Durum wheat				
Planted .....	93	83	94	NA
Emerged .....	70	42	58	51
Flaxseed				
Planted .....	67	60	78	NA
Emerged .....	31	25	53	44
Lentils				
Planted .....	95	94	92	NA
Emerged .....	80	63	67	68
Blooming .....	2	1	NA	NA
Mustard seed				
Planted .....	90	86	94	88
Emerged .....	60	40	64	48
Oats				
Planted .....	93	84	92	88
Emerged .....	65	53	71	63
Booted .....	5	NA	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted .....	80	60	59	49
Emerged .....	30	20	24	20
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	97	94	97	96
Emerged .....	85	73	85	78
Booted .....	10	1	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	70	49	84	NA
Emerged .....	41	13	74	81
Winter wheat				
Booted .....	66	40	45	48
Headed .....	8	5	6	8
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture .....	76	62	91	91
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture .....	82	73	92	90

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work .....	6.0	6.2	6.5	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	20	20	20	10
Short .....	44	50	31	22
Adequate .....	35	29	48	63
Surplus .....	1	1	1	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	49	44	25	8
Short .....	26	34	31	22
Adequate .....	24	21	43	66
Surplus .....	1	1	1	4

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor .....	5	5	5	2
Poor .....	34	26	11	4
Fair .....	43	52	27	19
Good .....	18	16	55	63
Excellent .....	--	1	2	12
Dry edible peas				
Very poor .....	5	7	2	2
Poor .....	24	15	15	7
Fair .....	49	40	26	38
Good .....	22	38	56	50
Excellent .....	--	--	1	3
Lentils				
Very poor .....	2	7	2	1
Poor .....	18	14	15	8
Fair .....	41	32	29	45
Good .....	38	47	52	43
Excellent .....	1	--	2	3
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	25	25	28	8
Poor .....	33	30	27	10
Fair .....	25	34	22	24
Good .....	17	11	21	43
Excellent .....	--	--	2	15
Spring wheat				
Very poor .....	3	8	3	3
Poor .....	28	20	15	8
Fair .....	51	49	35	27
Good .....	17	22	46	55
Excellent .....	1	1	1	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	7	16	3	2
Poor .....	19	10	28	9
Fair .....	51	60	36	23
Good .....	23	14	29	45
Excellent .....	--	--	4	21

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero