

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation over the past week resulted in full rivers and some flooding in low lying areas in Montana, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There was no widespread damage to agricultural lands reported. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Plentywood and Sidney at 90 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Wisdom at 25 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 91 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Rapelje with 2.40 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 93 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 76 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 88 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 87 percent. Custer County reported a very large number of crested wheat grass acres suffering from winter kill, which may impact may be in the tens of thousands of acres.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	72	58	88	92
Emerged.....	31	7	53	62
Canola				
Planted.....	46	22	47	75
Emerged.....	21	--	3	26
Corn				
Planted.....	44	22	72	72
Emerged.....	7	--	36	31
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	48	25	64	66
Emerged.....	2	--	7	21
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	78	62	93	93
Emerged.....	38	13	63	51
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	60	39	74	71
Emerged.....	22	1	20	21
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	43	23	56	67
Emerged.....	17	--	19	13
Lentils				
Planted.....	74	55	94	88
Emerged.....	36	12	46	28
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	49	27	53	68
Emerged.....	9	--	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	53	32	61	77
Emerged.....	14	1	44	45
Potatoes				
Planted.....	21	7	52	45
Emerged.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	24	12	19	45
Emerged.....	1	--	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	66	48	85	86
Emerged.....	27	4	50	51
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	88	64	96	88
Emerged.....	31	2	46	48
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	30	13	22	22
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	71	61	67	64
Receiving supplemental feed.....	16	38	16	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	93	87	96	93
Moved to pasture.....	66	45	68	66
Receiving supplemental feed.....	27	38	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.....	4.9	4.7	5.1	4.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	5	6
Short.....	7	11	19	18
Adequate.....	69	70	66	67
Surplus.....	24	17	10	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	8	3	6
Short.....	10	15	10	20
Adequate.....	77	56	74	65
Surplus.....	11	21	13	9

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.....	94	96	NA	NA
Difficult.....	5	4	NA	NA
Closed.....	1	--	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	3	2	5
Poor.....	14	13	5	14
Fair.....	34	46	33	38
Good.....	36	33	36	34
Excellent.....	14	5	24	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	2
Poor.....	6	9	3	6
Fair.....	28	30	44	31
Good.....	30	26	38	42
Excellent.....	34	32	14	19

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-05202018.pdf

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