

# MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures and scattered moisture were observed throughout Montana last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters noted the cooler temperatures have slowed pasture and range growth, while the wet weather continues to slow planting throughout the state. Topsoil moisture conditions were 88 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were 93 percent adequate to surplus. Barley planting made significant progress with an estimated at 64 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year of 51 percent but behind the 5-year average of 68 percent. Corn planting made progress, with an estimated 35 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year of 31 percent. Dry edible peas planted is estimated at 60 percent complete, behind both the previous year and 5-year average of 62 percent and 73 percent, respectively. Oilseed planting continues steadily, with an estimated at 32 percent of the flaxseed crop planted, and mustard seed planted is estimated at 24 percent complete, both behind the previous year. Planting of sugarbeets progressed well, with an estimated 65 percent of the crop planted, compared to 40 percent the previous week, and surpassing the previous year of 64 percent. Spring wheat planted was reported at 50 percent complete, which is ahead of the previous year of 48 percent but behind the 5-year average of 62 percent. Winter wheat was reported with 1 percent of the crop booted, equal to the previous year but behind the 5-year average of 11 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 64 percent good to excellent, compared to 74 percent this time last year. Grazing accessibility continues to improve, with an estimated 90 percent of pastures open. Calving and lambing continues to make progress, with 87 percent of cows calved and 84 percent of ewes lambed.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	64	35	51	68
Emerged.....	21	3	24	37
Canola				
Planted.....	38	20	41	45
Corn				
Planted.....	35	18	31	38
Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas)				
Planted.....	35	10	33	42
Dry edible peas				
Planted.....	60	33	62	73
Emerged.....	12	--	19	25
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	26	8	29	47
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	32	9	34	41
Emerged.....	1	NA	--	NA
Lentils				
Planted.....	45	21	48	58
Emerged.....	1	NA	5	NA
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	24	10	41	42
Oats				
Planted.....	45	18	30	51
Emerged.....	10	1	8	19
Safflower				
Planted.....	21	6	7	24
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	50	33	48	62
Emerged.....	25	1	18	29
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	65	40	64	73
Emerged.....	15	3	16	NA
Winter wheat				
Booted.....	1	--	1	11
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	87	81	92	94
Moved to pasture.....	56	30	44	44
Receiving supplemental feed.....	49	57	57	38
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed.....	84	79	87	89
Moved to pasture.....	55	30	56	47
Receiving supplemental feed.....	57	57	64	40

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.....	5.6	6.5	6.1	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	1	4
Short.....	10	12	14	19
Adequate.....	84	81	80	69
Surplus.....	4	5	5	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	2	5
Short.....	7	8	18	19
Adequate.....	86	84	76	66
Surplus.....	7	7	4	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.....	90	82	86	NA
Difficult.....	7	8	6	NA
Closed.....	3	10	8	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	3
Poor.....	2	4	6	10
Fair.....	45	42	45	43
Good.....	43	43	41	36
Excellent.....	10	10	8	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	4	2	2
Poor.....	3	5	4	5
Fair.....	32	30	20	29
Good.....	58	54	49	42
Excellent.....	6	7	25	22

NA – not available

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