

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures and windy conditions were observed across Montana during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions were 86 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were 90 percent adequate to surplus. Barley emerged was estimated at 82 percent, moving ahead of the 5-year average of 78 percent. Corn planting continues to progress, with an estimated 86 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year at 70 percent. Dry edible peas planted is estimated at 92 percent complete, falling behind the previous year at 93 percent. Oilseed planting continues steadily, with an estimated at 79 percent of the flaxseed crop planted, and mustard seed planted is estimated at 91 percent complete. Sugarbeets emerged was estimated at 71 percent, ahead of the previous year at 66 percent. Spring wheat planting is wrapping up, with an estimated 97 percent of the crop planted, ahead of the previous year and 5-year average at 90 percent and 95 percent, respectively. Winter wheat was reported with 30 percent of the crop booted, ahead of the previous year at 26 percent, but behind the 5-year average of 51 percent. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 80 percent good to excellent, compared to 87 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..... | 96 | 90 | 90 | 95 |
| Emerged..... | 82 | 69 | 63 | 78 |
| Canola | | | | |
| Planted..... | 68 | 63 | 65 | 78 |
| Emerged..... | 30 | 20 | 22 | 50 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted..... | 86 | 78 | 70 | 86 |
| Emerged..... | 41 | 25 | 30 | 54 |
| Dry edible beans (includes Chickpeas) | | | | |
| Planted..... | 90 | 80 | 76 | 85 |
| Emerged..... | 35 | 15 | 26 | 48 |
| Dry edible peas | | | | |
| Planted..... | 92 | 88 | 93 | NA |
| Emerged..... | 69 | 63 | 59 | 77 |
| Durum wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 79 | 70 | 87 | 93 |
| Emerged..... | 29 | 25 | 44 | 55 |
| Flaxseed | | | | |
| Planted..... | 79 | 66 | 57 | 82 |
| Emerged..... | 39 | 20 | 10 | 41 |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Planted..... | 90 | 85 | 89 | NA |
| Emerged..... | 61 | 45 | 49 | 64 |
| Mustard seed | | | | |
| Planted..... | 91 | 70 | 75 | 82 |
| Emerged..... | 35 | 25 | 31 | 53 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Planted..... | 89 | 81 | 81 | 86 |
| Emerged..... | 65 | 52 | 36 | 62 |
| Safflower | | | | |
| Planted..... | 57 | 51 | 36 | 51 |
| Emerged..... | 31 | 21 | 10 | 26 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 97 | 92 | 90 | 95 |
| Emerged..... | 83 | 72 | 54 | 74 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Emerged..... | 71 | 55 | 66 | 72 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Booted..... | 30 | 12 | 26 | 51 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Moved to pasture..... | 91 | 84 | 83 | 87 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 8 | 11 | NA | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambbed..... | 96 | 94 | NA | NA |
| Moved to pasture..... | 90 | 83 | 83 | 85 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 17 | 27 | NA | NA |

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..... | 6.3 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Short..... | 12 | 14 | 10 | 19 |
| Adequate..... | 86 | 83 | 80 | 66 |
| Surplus..... | -- | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 2 | 5 |
| Short..... | 10 | 10 | 18 | 20 |
| Adequate..... | 90 | 88 | 77 | 68 |
| Surplus..... | -- | 2 | 3 | 7 |

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..... | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | -- | 2 | -- | 3 |
| Fair..... | 25 | 32 | 8 | 24 |
| Good..... | 68 | 58 | 78 | 55 |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 8 | 14 | 17 |
| Dry Peas | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 30 | NA | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 67 | NA | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 3 | NA | NA | NA |
| Lentils | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 40 | NA | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 57 | NA | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 3 | NA | NA | NA |
| Oats | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 26 | NA | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 71 | NA | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 3 | NA | NA | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Fair..... | 30 | 35 | 28 | 32 |
| Good..... | 46 | 45 | 59 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | 20 | 17 | 9 | 12 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | - | 3 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 14 | 23 | 11 | 26 |
| Good..... | 80 | 73 | 79 | 59 |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 3 | 9 | 9 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 26 | NA | NA | NA |
| Good..... | 59 | NA | NA | NA |
| Excellent..... | 15 | NA | NA | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 13 | 13 | 10 | 28 |
| Good..... | 60 | 47 | 48 | 38 |
| Excellent..... | 20 | 33 | 39 | 27 |

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