

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
MONTANA FIELD OFFICE
 P.O. BOX 150969 · Lakewood, CO 80215-0969
 Cooperating with the Montana Department of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 June 3, 2024

Contact: Eric Sommer
 (800) 392-3202

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The week was marked by dry conditions, and mostly at or below normal temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation levels were in a range of 0.3 to 0.9 inch below normal for most of the State, according to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC). Some areas along the eastern border, however, and isolated portions of the west, received slightly above normal amounts of rain. Average temperatures were in a range of about normal to 4 degrees below normal for much of the State. Portions of the northwest experienced average temperatures in a range of 6 to 8 degrees below normal. The U.S. Drought Monitor report released May 30 indicated that the amount of land rated drought free increased to 44 percent, up from 40 percent the previous week. Abnormal dryness was found in 19 percent of Montana, down 6 percentage points. Moderate drought was approaching 30 percent, up from 26 percent the previous week. Severe drought conditions were unchanged at 8 percent. Extreme drought conditions were near zero. Valley County reported that flea beetles were seen in canola fields. Conditions were windy, with very little rain.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	95	88	88	93
Emerged	76	64	67	76
Booted	3	2	1	3
Canola				
Planted.....	82	75	75	73
Emerged	45	25	49	41
Corn				
Planted.....	50	30	74	73
Emerged	25	14	43	37
Dry edible beans				
Planted.....	92	73	91	85
Emerged	57	28	75	47
Dry peas				
Planted.....	96	90	90	NA
Emerged	70	41	68	69
Durum wheat				
Planted.....	97	93	84	88
Emerged	82	63	57	50
Flaxseed				
Planted.....	90	63	80	72
Emerged	57	28	61	38
Lentils				
Emerged	51	22	63	64
Mustard seed				
Planted.....	97	94	94	89
Emerged	76	48	72	51
Oats				
Planted.....	92	72	84	87
Emerged	71	42	65	59
Booting.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Safflower				
Planted.....	39	33	62	57
Emerged	20	13	24	23
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	94	88	86	94
Emerged	77	63	73	75
Sugarbeets				
Planted.....	42	35	40	NA
Emerged	11	2	6	49
Winter wheat				
Booted	70	45	60	44
Headed	12	1	5	4
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	77	67	75	82
Sheep and lambs				
Moved to pasture	77	62	70	82

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	4.8	4.3	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	1	9
Short	44	36	7	23
Adequate.....	52	55	87	65
Surplus.....	1	5	5	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	8	3	16
Short	44	39	22	23
Adequate.....	48	50	74	59
Surplus.....	1	3	1	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	1	1	--	2
Poor	8	7	3	10
Fair.....	24	30	46	28
Good	62	53	46	53
Excellent	5	9	5	7
Durum wheat				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	57	NA	NA	NA
Good	42	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	--	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Very poor	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor	7	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	67	NA	NA	NA
Good	24	NA	NA	NA
Excellent	2	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	5	4	12
Poor	14	13	9	15
Fair.....	45	42	46	30
Good	25	34	36	37
Excellent	12	6	5	6
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	NA	--	1
Poor	4	NA	1	9
Fair.....	43	NA	41	30
Good	52	NA	57	55
Excellent	1	NA	1	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor	9	5	2	11
Fair.....	42	33	40	30
Good	33	37	53	41
Excellent	16	25	5	15

NA – not available

(--) – zero