



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Consecutive weeks of moisture along with cooler weather has delayed field work along with the first cutting of alfalfa. The moisture over the past several weeks has relieved most of the pressure irrigation companies were experiencing earlier in the growing season. Peach freeze damage was rated 39% light, 16% moderate, and 32% severe. Stock water supplies were rated 2% very short, 19% short, and 70% adequate, and 9% surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	1	--	1	7
Apples				
Full bloom	85	76	74	85
Apricots				
Full bloom	90	85	92	97
Barley				
Emerged.....	93	91	97	89
Headed.....	10	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted	80	63	87	79
Emerged.....	58	29	55	44
Oats				
Planted	92	91	95	91
Emerged.....	85	82	75	72
Spring Wheat				
Headed.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Sweet cherries				
Full bloom	86	77	92	96
Tart cherries				
Full bloom	91	65	80	89
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	35	10	--	13
Cattle moved to pasture.....	69	66	NA	57
Sheep moved to pasture	74	66	81	84
Ewes lambled				
Range flock.....	86	78	94	90
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	93	87	NA	NA
Range flock.....	93	91	95	94

NA – not available

(--) – zero

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	--	2	--	1
Poor	9	9	6	8
Fair	37	45	40	33
Good	44	37	49	54
Excellent	10	7	5	4

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	3.0	3.4	6.8	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	4	4	5
Short	26	32	37	23
Adequate	63	54	58	63
Surplus	9	10	1	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	8	5	5
Short	36	41	39	27
Adequate	57	49	55	64
Surplus	2	2	1	4

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	--	1	19	62	18
Oats	--	21	27	43	9
Spring wheat	--	2	18	61	19
Winter wheat	--	1	15	65	19
Cattle and calves	--	1	17	69	13
Irrigation water supply	11	17	29	43	--
Sheep and lambs	--	--	12	77	11

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Utah's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/UT_Weather_05242015.pdf