



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Recent rainfall boosted grass growth as ranchers were busy branding and vaccinating before moving their livestock onto summer pastures. In portions of northwestern Utah, supplemental hay may be necessary for cattle and sheep if additional moisture is not received. Row crop planting was progressing well in most areas. Despite control efforts, first cutting alfalfa production in some northwestern areas is expected to be lighter than normal due to a widespread cowpea aphid infestation. Peach freeze damage was rated 19% light, 10% moderate, and 58% severe. Stock water supplies were rated 9% very short, 31% short, and 60% adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full bloom	23	8	--	35
Apricots				
Full bloom	75	50	60	85
Barley				
Planted	92	89	95	84
Emerged.....	79	68	81	64
Corn				
Planted	32	12	30	23
Oats				
Planted	72	62	76	67
Emerged.....	57	41	54	38
Peaches				
Full bloom	100	75	70	73
Spring Wheat				
Planted	96	94	95	85
Emerged.....	86	72	80	63
Sweet cherries				
Full bloom	30	18	64	65
Tart cherries				
Full bloom	22	8	NA	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	41	15	NA	NA
Sheep moved to pasture	40	10	54	32
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	52	57	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	29	31	NA	NA
Cows calved	91	88	89	93
Ewes lambled				
Farm flock	91	85	92	91
Range flock.....	61	50	69	63
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	81	69	87	86
Range flock	80	64	87	81

NA – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	1
Poor.....	18	19	7	8
Fair.....	53	52	41	36
Good.....	25	25	48	51
Excellent.....	--	--	4	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.....	6.4	5.5	6.7	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	7	8	3
Short.....	46	58	40	24
Adequate.....	47	35	51	65
Surplus.....	--	--	1	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	11	8	4
Short.....	54	54	34	24
Adequate.....	34	35	55	67
Surplus.....	--	--	3	5

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	--	3	23	65	9
Oats.....	--	32	35	24	9
Spring wheat.....	--	6	19	66	9
Winter wheat.....	1	6	31	52	10
Cattle and calves.....	--	1	18	69	12
Irrigation water supply.....	23	18	29	30	--
Sheep and lambs.....	--	--	15	74	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 05032015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/UT_Weather_05032015.pdf)