



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Small grain seeding continues at a rapid pace, but farmers are concerned with lower than average precipitation. Cow pea aphid infestations are evident in some alfalfa fields requiring a number of farmers to treat. Reports from Box Elder and Uintah counties indicated that peach and apricot trees were in full bloom when temperatures dipped into the 20's that killed most blossoms. The mild weather has not only benefitted livestock in terms of calf and lamb deaths, but producers are concerned about limit grazing in pastures and rangelands. Stock water supplies were rated 4% very short, 25% short, and 71% adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	62	44	18	31
Emerged	28	NA	NA	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	56	55	NA	NA
Cows calved	55	36	35	62
Ewes lambled				
Farm flock	40	18	25	51
Range flock	31	5	7	18
Oats				
Planted.....	31	25	14	20
Emerged	8	NA	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	41	38	NA	NA
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	27	NA	NA	NA
Range flock	22	NA	20	4
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	59	49	24	31
Emerged	29	NA	NA	NA

NA – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	1	1	2
Poor	18	16	9	14
Fair	47	49	54	40
Good.....	33	32	34	41
Excellent.....	1	2	2	3

NA – not available

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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	6.6	NA	3.8	4.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	10	1	1
Short.....	55	52	35	23
Adequate	34	38	61	65
Surplus	--	--	3	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	12	11	3	2
Short.....	51	51	29	26
Adequate	37	38	65	67
Surplus	--	--	3	5

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle and calves.....	--	--	15	72	13
Sheep and lambs.....	--	--	11	79	10
Winter wheat	--	2	28	56	14

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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_04052015.pdf