



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** During February, Utah received less precipitation than the historical average, with the hardest hit region being the Southwestern part of the state. Abnormally dry conditions persist in two-thirds of the state with the Southeast primarily being the only region not affected. Overall drought conditions have improved since the beginning of the year. This is indicated by topsoil and subsoil moisture content which has significantly improved from February 2015. Recent warming conditions have caused the snowpack to melt more quickly dropping it below 100% faster than anticipated. Cows calved is on pace with the prior year at 15 percent and farm flock ewes lambled are at 14 percent compared to 12 percent last year. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 63 percent compared to 68 percent the previous month and 57 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 56 percent compared to 53 percent the previous month and 53 percent the previous year. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 60 percent adequate and 40 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cows calved.....	15	5	15	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	63	68	57	NA
Ewes lambled				
Farm flock .....	14	1	12	NA
Range flock.....	2	NA	1	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed.....	56	53	53	NA

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short .....	1	1	41	NA
Adequate .....	74	88	58	NA
Surplus .....	25	11	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	8	NA
Short .....	12	26	39	NA
Adequate .....	85	74	51	NA
Surplus .....	3	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	2	--	NA
Poor.....	10	10	13	NA
Fair.....	29	23	40	NA
Good.....	56	64	44	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	3	NA
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	34	35	24	NA
Good.....	55	51	71	NA
Excellent.....	11	14	4	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	23	25	9	NA
Good.....	67	64	77	NA
Excellent.....	10	11	14	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	29	29	17	NA
Good.....	63	62	76	NA
Excellent.....	8	9	7	NA

NA – not available

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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/2016/UT Weather 02282016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_02282016.pdf)