



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF March 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** During March, Utah received less precipitation than the historical average, with the only above average precipitation being in the Northeast. Abnormally dry conditions persist in two-thirds of the state with the Southeast primarily being the only region not affected. Overall drought conditions have worsened slightly over the last month. This is indicated by topsoil moisture content which has seen a significant reduction in both surplus and adequate for topsoil moisture and an increase in the short category since the February release. Snowpack conditions are slightly below their historical averages in the central and southwestern part of the state. Barley, oats and spring wheat have made their first appearance on crop progress and condition. Planting is considerably behind for each compared to March 2015. Cows calved is lower than the prior year at 25 percent compared to 36 percent from the previous year. Farm flock ewes lambled are slightly higher at 20 percent compared to 18 percent from the prior year. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 68 percent compared to 63 percent the previous month and 55 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 58 percent compared to 56 percent the previous month and 38 percent the previous year. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                                | Current report<br>(percent) | Previous report<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley                                   |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                            | 5                           | NA                           | 44                         | NA                          |
| Oats                                     |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                            | 6                           | NA                           | 25                         | NA                          |
| Spring Wheat                             |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Planted .....                            | 10                          | NA                           | 49                         | NA                          |
| Cows calved .....                        | 25                          | 15                           | 36                         | NA                          |
| Cattle receiving supplemental feed ..... | 68                          | 63                           | 55                         | NA                          |
| Ewes lambled                             |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Farm flock .....                         | 20                          | 14                           | 18                         | NA                          |
| Range flock .....                        | 5                           | 2                            | 5                          | NA                          |
| Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....  | 58                          | 56                           | 38                         | NA                          |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity        | Current report<br>(percent) | Previous report<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Topsoil moisture |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very short.....  | --                          | --                           | 10                         | NA                          |
| Short .....      | 24                          | 1                            | 52                         | NA                          |
| Adequate .....   | 68                          | 74                           | 38                         | NA                          |
| Surplus .....    | 8                           | 25                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Subsoil moisture |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very short.....  | 6                           | --                           | 11                         | NA                          |
| Short .....      | 23                          | 12                           | 51                         | NA                          |
| Adequate .....   | 67                          | 85                           | 38                         | NA                          |
| Surplus .....    | 4                           | 3                            | --                         | NA                          |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

|                          | Current report<br>(percent) | Previous report<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Pasture and Range</b> |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....           | --                          | 3                            | 1                          | NA                          |
| Poor.....                | 4                           | 10                           | 16                         | NA                          |
| Fair.....                | 41                          | 29                           | 49                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                | 48                          | 56                           | 32                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....           | 7                           | 2                            | 2                          | NA                          |
| <b>Winter Wheat</b>      |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....           | --                          | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Poor.....                | --                          | --                           | 2                          | NA                          |
| Fair.....                | 38                          | 34                           | 25                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                | 51                          | 55                           | 62                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....           | 11                          | 11                           | 11                         | NA                          |
| <b>Cattle and calves</b> |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....           | --                          | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Poor.....                | 1                           | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Fair.....                | 14                          | 23                           | 15                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                | 67                          | 67                           | 72                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....           | 18                          | 10                           | 13                         | NA                          |
| <b>Sheep and lambs</b>   |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....           | --                          | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Poor.....                | --                          | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Fair.....                | 39                          | 29                           | 22                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                | 45                          | 63                           | 72                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....           | 16                          | 8                            | 6                          | NA                          |

NA – not available

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[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Utah/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/UT\\_Weather\\_03272016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_03272016.pdf)