UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The northern region saw the most precipitation over the last week. Precipitation to date starting October 1st is above last year's totals by a significant amount for the whole state. Cache Junction has seen the largest increase at 6.6 inches above last year's total. Cave Valley and Vermillion have improved by 5.4 inches and 3.0 inches respectively compared to this same time last year. While the south central region has received more moisture compared to last year it is still below historic averages. Currently soil moisture for most of the state is ideal to too wet. The moist conditions have caused plantings to be behind the previous year but in line with their 5-year historical average. Above average temperatures have persisted through the first part of the year and into April. The weekly lowest temperature was measured at Chicken Ridge in Morgan County at 31º F. The weekly highest temperature reading was at Green River in Emery County at 77º F. Conditions look to be drier this week with temperatures increasing towards the weekend and some regions breaking the 80º F mark. The best chance of precipitation will be over the weekend for most regions in the state. Apricots tree bloom is well ahead of the 5-year average, while peaches and sweet cherries remain significantly behind last year. Corn plantings began this week and is on pace with prior the year. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Apple				
Full Bloom	6	NA	2	6
Apricots				
Full Bloom	49	29	44	23
Barley				
Planted	67	48	86	64
Emerged	20	NA	56	30
Corn				
Planted	1	--	4	2
Oats				
Planted	41	22	56	46
Emerged	8	NA	25	13
Peaches				
Full Bloom	9	1	53	NA
Spring Wheat				
Planted	63	47	87	69
Emerged	26	NA	59	32
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	12	2	13	27
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	10	--	5	NA
Cows calved	88	79	83	82
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	55	58	43	NA
Cattle moved to pasture	13	NA	2	NA
Ewes lambed				
Farm flock	88	59	76	76
Range flock	43	40	45	36
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	68	55	25	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	7	NA	1	2
Sheep Shorn				
Farm Flock	48	NA	45	NA
Rang Flock	44	NA	44	31

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	4.8	6.0	5.4	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	11	4
Short	14	14	56	31
Adequate	79	79	33	59
Surplus	7	7	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	4	11	5
Short	17	17	56	31
Adequate	77	77	33	60
Surplus	2	2	--	4

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	--	NA
Poor	--	NA	--	NA
Fair	7	NA	27	NA
Good	72	NA	73	NA
Excellent	21	NA	--	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor	3	3	20	14
Fair	34	38	47	41
Good	53	52	30	39
Excellent	10	7	--	4
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	--	NA	--	NA
Poor	1	NA	--	NA
Fair	6	NA	23	NA
Good	75	NA	77	NA
Excellent	18	NA	--	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	1	2	4
Fair	25	28	31	24
Good	58	55	56	57
Excellent	17	16	11	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	--	1
Fair	15	15	16	21
Good	66	67	72	68
Excellent	18	18	13	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	22	25	11	NA
Good	65	62	78	NA
Excellent	13	13	11	NA

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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_04172016.pdf