



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah was drier last week than in prior weeks with only scattered precipitation for most of the state. The week of April 25th looks to bring much more precipitation through the first half of the week in most regions, which will likely reduce field work from its current level of 5.4 days suitable. Current soil moisture for most of the state is ideal to too wet although with the drier conditions last week topsoil moisture fell slightly to 1 percent very short and 17 percent short from 0 percent and 14 percent, respectively. High daytime temperatures have risen into the high 70's for most of the state, with the western half of the state reaching the low 80's. The higher temperatures and drier conditions last week have increased blooming and emergence significantly for all crops. Spring wheat has been the most affected increasing by 22 percent emerged from the prior report followed by oats increasing 20 percent. Corn plantings fell behind last year's 10 percent planted as well as the 5-year average of 7 percent. The drier conditions last week have allowed farmers to prepare more corn ground for seeding in the coming weeks. Sheep shorn for both farm and range flock increased to 71 percent and 72 percent, respectively, a significant increase from the prior 48 percent and 44 percent. Peach freeze damage has been slight at just 13 percent. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 6 percent short, 68 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 (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apple				
Full Bloom	20	6	7	16
Apricots				
Full Bloom.....	59	49	49	69
Barley				
Planted	83	67	88	74
Emerged.....	30	20	65	45
Corn				
Planted	3	1	10	7
Oats				
Planted	59	41	60	56
Emerged.....	28	8	37	26
Peaches				
Full Bloom	35	9	69	49
Spring Wheat				
Planted	80	63	92	78
Emerged.....	48	26	69	49
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	22	12	17	38
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	19	10	7	NA
Cows calved	93	88	87	87
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	37	55	57	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	26	13	12	NA
Ewes lambled				
Farm flock	94	88	84	84
Range flock	47	43	49	47
Sheep receiving supplemental feed.....	62	68	31	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	22	7	7	8
Sheep Shorn				
Farm Flock	71	48	62	78
Range Flock.....	72	44	59	69

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 Field work.....	5.4	4.8	5.5	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	--	7	4
Short	17	14	58	32
Adequate.....	74	79	35	57
Surplus.....	8	7	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	4	11	5
Short	17	17	54	31
Adequate.....	77	77	35	59
Surplus.....	2	2	--	5

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	2	NA
Fair.....	8	7	24	NA
Good	71	72	74	NA
Excellent	21	21	--	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	3	3	19	12
Fair.....	32	34	52	42
Good	55	53	25	42
Excellent	10	10	--	3
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	4	NA
Fair.....	8	6	20	NA
Good	73	75	75	NA
Excellent	18	18	1	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	4
Fair	24	25	32	24
Good.....	59	58	50	56
Excellent.....	17	17	12	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	--	1
Fair	14	15	19	20
Good.....	67	66	69	69
Excellent.....	18	18	12	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	22	22	14	NA
Good.....	65	65	75	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_04242016.pdf