



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah received a good amount of precipitation over the course of the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, should bring drier conditions early with a greater chance of precipitation heading into the weekend for most regions in the state. This should increase the amount of field work days from its current 4.1 days per week. Current soil moisture increased for most of the state moving more from ideal to too wet conditions, which is indicated by an increase of adequate and surplus categories for both topsoil and subsoil from the previous report. High daytime temperatures have cooled compared with the previous week, with most regions high daytime temperatures averaging in the low 60's for most of the state. Apple blooming is well ahead of the 19 percent previous year and 28 percent 5-year average, increasing 29 percentage points since the previous report. Both sweet and tart cherries have increased their blooming to 48 percent and 44 percent respectively, catching up to other blooming fruit. Corn plantings are at 15 percent complete, still behind last year's 26 percent planted and the 5-year average of 20 percent. Reporters indicate that major effort will be put into planting corn over this next week, with the drier conditions early in the week aiding this effort. Peach freeze damage was rated at 13 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 7 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 78 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apple				
Full bloom .....	49	20	19	28
Apricots				
Full bloom .....	62	59	68	79
Barley				
Planted .....	90	83	91	82
Emerged.....	51	30	76	63
Corn				
Planted .....	15	3	26	20
Oats				
Planted .....	71	59	69	65
Emerged.....	51	28	52	39
Peaches				
Full bloom .....	53	35	93	71
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	91	80	95	85
Emerged.....	68	48	82	65
Sweet cherries				
Full bloom .....	48	22	27	55
Tart cherries				
Full bloom .....	44	19	18	31
Cows calved.....	95	93	90	91
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	37	37	52	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	52	26	34	NA
Ewes lambed				
Farm flock .....	97	94	89	90
Range flock .....	58	47	58	60
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	48	62	29	NA
Sheep and lambs moved to pasture .....	47	22	31	26
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock .....	82	71	78	85
Range flock.....	85	72	75	80

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 .....	4.1	5.4	6.4	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	1	7	5
Short .....	14	17	46	31
Adequate.....	76	74	47	57
Surplus.....	10	8	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	3	4	12	5
Short .....	16	17	54	33
Adequate.....	78	77	34	57
Surplus.....	3	2	--	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	1
Fair.....	10	8	23	21
Good .....	72	71	65	61
Excellent .....	18	21	9	17
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	32	NA
Fair .....	7	NA	35	NA
Good .....	85	NA	24	NA
Excellent .....	8	NA	9	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	2
Poor.....	2	3	18	11
Fair.....	31	32	53	39
Good .....	56	55	25	45
Excellent .....	11	10	--	3
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	6	4
Fair.....	9	8	19	24
Good .....	76	73	66	58
Excellent .....	15	18	9	13
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor .....	--	--	6	6
Fair .....	21	24	31	27
Good.....	61	59	52	51
Excellent.....	18	17	10	15
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	1	1	1
Fair .....	14	14	18	19
Good.....	67	67	69	72
Excellent.....	18	18	12	8
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Fair .....	21	22	15	NA
Good.....	66	65	74	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\\_05012016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_05012016.pdf)