



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah received a good amount of precipitation over this last weekend, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This along with the precipitation over the last several weeks has abated the severe drought conditions that have persisted for the last several years. The week of May 9th though, should bring drier conditions with no significant precipitation expected for any region in the state. Days available for field work increased to 4.9 from the prior report of 4.1 and should increase further with the current forecast. The drier conditions earlier in the week allowed corn plantings to progress significantly to 43 percent, catching up and passing both the previous year and 5-year average of 40 percent. Overall crop conditions were better than the previous year and 5-year averages. Precipitation over the last week increased adequate topsoil moisture to 80 percent from 76 percent, reducing short to 11 percent from 14 percent. High daytime temperatures were back up into the 70's and 80's compared with the previous weeks 60's. Calving and farm flock lambing progress is almost complete at 97 percent and 98 percent respectively. Supplemental feed for both cattle and sheep has followed the previous year trend falling to 27 percent and 29 percent respectively. Peach freeze damage was rated at 13 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 8 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 28 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	61	49	42	43
Apricots				
Full bloom	64	62	79	85
Barley				
Planted	94	90	94	90
Emerged.....	77	51	85	72
Corn				
Planted	43	15	40	40
Oats				
Planted	83	71	83	78
Emerged.....	69	51	69	51
Peaches				
Full bloom	82	53	100	87
Spring wheat				
Planted	96	91	96	91
Emerged.....	80	68	90	77
Sweet cherries				
Full bloom	77	48	51	72
Tart cherries				
Full bloom	60	44	38	48
Cows calved.....	97	95	92	94
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	27	37	29	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	60	52	54	44
Ewes lambed				
Farm flock	98	97	94	93
Range flock	70	58	67	69
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	29	48	22	NA
Sheep and lambs moved to pasture	69	47	53	59
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	86	82	85	90
Range flock.....	89	85	85	86

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	4.9	4.1	3.7	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	4	4
Short	11	14	38	29
Adequate.....	80	76	50	59
Surplus.....	9	10	8	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	3	9	5
Short	16	16	50	32
Adequate.....	77	78	40	59
Surplus.....	4	3	1	4

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, RANGE CONDITION AND IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLIES

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	9	10	22	23
Good	73	72	60	61
Excellent	18	18	18	15
Irrigation and water supplies				
Very poor.....	1	1	16	NA
Poor.....	1	1	17	NA
Fair.....	11	11	30	NA
Good	78	78	37	NA
Excellent	9	9	0	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	26	NA
Fair	6	7	33	NA
Good	87	85	32	NA
Excellent	7	8	9	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	2	2	13	8
Fair.....	29	31	50	41
Good	55	56	32	45
Excellent	14	11	3	4
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	4
Fair.....	9	9	20	25
Good	76	76	58	58
Excellent	15	15	18	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor	--	--	5	5
Fair	17	21	31	24
Good.....	60	61	52	56
Excellent.....	23	18	11	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	1
Fair	12	14	18	20
Good.....	67	67	69	69
Excellent.....	20	18	12	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	20	21	15	NA
Good.....	67	66	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_05082016.pdf