



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Precipitation was limited across much of the State during the week, although topsoil and subsoil moisture were reported at levels considerably better than both last year and the 5-year average, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The largest precipitation accumulation, 1.33 inches, was recorded at Nephi, followed by 1.06 inches at Buffalo Jump. The first cutting of alfalfa hay was being harvested in limited areas around the State. Small grains were well-emerged, and in good to excellent condition. On May 15, eighty-three percent of the 2016 winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 73 percent last year and the 5-year average of 71 percent. Apples and both varieties of cherries had reached full bloom ahead of normal, while bloom development in apricots and peaches was slightly behind. Most crops in Cache County had been planted, and emergence was advancing well due to the above average moisture. Reporter comments indicated that producers in Summit County were beginning to turn on their irrigation systems for the growing season, while cool, wet weather conditions had slowed the growth of alfalfa and native pastures. In Beaver County, crops, as well as livestock were reported as doing well. Peach freeze damage was reported as 13 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full bloom .....	80	61	69	59
Apricots				
Full bloom .....	78	64	84	88
Barley				
Planted.....	98	94	98	95
Emerged .....	89	77	90	80
Corn				
Planted.....	66	43	57	60
Emerged .....	10	NA	24	13
Oats				
Planted.....	88	83	90	86
Emerged .....	76	69	80	61
Peaches				
Full bloom .....	92	82	100	93
Spring wheat				
Emerged .....	93	80	95	85
Sweet cherries				
Full bloom .....	96	77	72	86
Tart cherries				
Full bloom .....	80	60	59	63
Cattle receiving supplemental feed.....	25	27	23	NA
Cattle moved to pasture .....	67	60	64	49
Ewes lambled				
Range flock .....	79	70	76	78
Sheep receiving supplemental feed.....	24	29	9	NA
Sheep and lambs moved to pasture.....	82	69	64	75
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock.....	91	86	87	92
Range flock .....	93	89	90	90

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.....	5.8	4.9	3.4	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	4	6
Short.....	14	11	32	26
Adequate.....	79	80	54	62
Surplus.....	7	9	10	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	8	6
Short.....	16	16	41	30
Adequate.....	76	77	49	59
Surplus.....	4	4	2	5

NA – not available

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**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	1
Fair.....	8	9	20	13
Good.....	74	73	61	66
Excellent.....	18	18	18	20
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	1	1	14	NA
Poor.....	--	1	14	NA
Fair.....	10	11	32	NA
Good.....	80	78	40	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	22	NA
Fair.....	6	6	30	NA
Good.....	88	87	40	NA
Excellent.....	6	7	8	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	2	2	9	8
Fair.....	22	29	45	37
Good.....	63	55	37	48
Excellent.....	13	14	7	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	4
Fair.....	9	9	19	20
Good.....	75	76	59	58
Excellent.....	16	15	18	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	3	6
Fair.....	17	17	24	22
Good.....	61	60	59	52
Excellent.....	22	23	14	19
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	11	12	18	17
Good.....	68	67	69	71
Excellent.....	20	20	12	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	17	20	13	NA
Good.....	71	67	76	NA
Excellent.....	12	13	11	NA

NA – not available

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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\\_05152016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_05152016.pdf)