



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was scattered across much of the state during the week, although topsoil and subsoil moisture levels continue to be reported above 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, 1.70 inches, was recorded at Alkali Mesa, followed by 1.44 inches at Chicken Ridge. Days suitable for field work has held up despite the precipitation and was at 5.3 days compared with 5.8 days the previous week. Fruit trees are at or very close to full bloom, with apples and tart cherries being ahead of both the previous and 5-year averages. Corn planting is ahead of last year at 80 percent planted after falling behind earlier in the season, but emergence is only at 31 percent still behind the previous year 50 percent and 5-year average of 41 percent. First cutting of alfalfa hay is progressing currently at 3 percent, but wetter conditions have slowed progress. Cache county's progress with alfalfa hay is being impacted by weevils in fields that have not been sprayed; while yellow stripe rust is affecting wheat fields. Small grains are starting to head, and in mostly good to excellent condition. In Beaver County, crops and livestock were reported as doing well with some worry of frost damage to alfalfa hay. Cattle moved to pasture is currently 74 percent, with pasture and rangeland in good condition, this is significantly better than the 5-year average of 53 percent and slightly better than the previous year at 68 percent. Sheep and lamb shorn is almost complete at 94 percent for farm flock and 96 percent for range flock. Peach freeze damage was reported as 13 percent light. 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)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	3	NA	1	5
Apples				
Full bloom	99	80	82	80
Apricots				
Full bloom	96	78	89	93
Barley				
Emerged	97	89	92	88
Headed.....	2	--	8	5
Corn				
Planted.....	80	66	75	75
Emerged	31	10	50	41
Oats				
Planted.....	90	88	92	89
Emerged	80	76	84	71
Headed.....	1	NA	--	--
Peaches				
Full bloom	98	92	100	98
Spring wheat				
Emerged	96	93	99	92
Headed.....	4	--	3	2
Tart cherries				
Full bloom	96	80	84	82
Cattle moved to pasture	74	67	68	53
Ewes lambled				
Range flock	88	79	84	86
Sheep and lambs moved to pasture	87	82	72	79
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	94	91	91	95
Range flock	96	93	92	93

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.....	5.3	5.8	3.0	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	2	6
Short.....	12	14	26	26
Adequate.....	82	79	63	59
Surplus.....	6	7	9	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	5	6
Short.....	16	16	36	32
Adequate.....	77	76	57	57
Surplus.....	3	4	2	5

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	1
Fair.....	8	8	19	16
Good.....	73	74	62	68
Excellent.....	19	18	18	15
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	1	1	11	NA
Poor.....	--	--	17	NA
Fair.....	14	10	29	NA
Good.....	76	80	43	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	21	NA
Fair.....	6	6	27	NA
Good.....	88	88	43	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	9	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	9	10
Fair.....	20	22	37	36
Good.....	58	63	44	48
Excellent.....	20	13	10	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	9	9	18	21
Good.....	75	75	61	62
Excellent.....	16	16	19	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	9
Fair.....	15	17	15	20
Good.....	60	61	65	51
Excellent.....	25	22	19	19
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	11	11	17	18
Good.....	68	68	69	70
Excellent.....	20	20	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	17	17	12	NA
Good.....	71	71	77	NA
Excellent.....	12	12	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_05222016.pdf