



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was very light across the state during the week, but topsoil and subsoil moisture levels continuing 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. With the warm dry conditions, days suitable for field work increased to 6.3 days compared with 5.3 days the previous week. Fruit trees have reached full bloom across the state. Corn planting is ahead of last year at 90 percent planted after falling behind earlier in the season. Drier conditions have also allowed emergence to catch up as well and is currently at 59 percent compared with the previous year 62 percent and 5-year average of 60 percent. Significant progress for first cutting of alfalfa hay was noted as well at 14 percent, while first reports of other hay harvested indicate 4 percent complete. Some damage to alfalfa hay from weevils along with yellow stripe rust to winter wheat were noted in Cache and Weber counties. Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition and heading is progressing. In Beaver County, crops and livestock were reported as doing well with most cattle out to pasture. Cattle moved to pasture is currently at 78 percent for the state, with 79 percent of pasture and rangeland in good to excellent condition. Range flock ewes lambing is almost complete at 96 percent and farm flock sheep shorn at 96 percent complete as well. Reports indicate that Summit county's recent precipitation has delayed farmers having to irrigate cropland. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 5 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.....	14	3	5	12
Barley				
Headed.....	27	2	18	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	90	80	81	85
Emerged	59	31	62	60
Oats				
Planted.....	94	90	93	94
Emerged	86	80	88	81
Headed.....	5	1	4	2
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	4	NA	3	6
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	9	4	12	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	19	NA	51	33
Cattle moved to pasture	78	74	73	NA
Ewes lambing				
Range flock	96	88	92	94
Sheep and lambs moved to pasture	90	87	83	84
Sheep shorn				
Farm flock	96	94	93	97

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.....	6.3	5.3	4.3	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	3	7
Short.....	12	12	24	26
Adequate	83	82	70	59
Surplus	5	6	3	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	4	5	6
Short.....	16	16	33	30
Adequate	77	77	61	60
Surplus	3	3	1	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	2	1
Fair	8	8	18	14
Good.....	73	73	62	64
Excellent.....	19	19	18	21
Corn				
Very poor	--	NA	--	NA
Poor	--	NA	1	NA
Fair	15	NA	31	NA
Good.....	78	NA	68	NA
Excellent.....	7	NA	--	NA
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	--	1	11	NA
Poor	1	--	13	NA
Fair	14	14	34	NA
Good.....	76	76	40	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	2	NA
Oats				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	20	NA
Fair	6	6	22	NA
Good.....	88	88	50	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	8	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	2	2	5	8
Fair	19	20	32	32
Good.....	57	58	52	54
Excellent.....	22	20	11	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	1	4
Fair	9	9	17	21
Good.....	75	75	63	57
Excellent.....	16	16	19	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	--	--	1	9
Fair	15	15	14	25
Good.....	60	60	65	47
Excellent.....	25	25	20	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	2
Fair	11	11	16	17
Good.....	68	68	71	70
Excellent.....	20	20	12	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	16	17	12	NA
Good.....	71	71	77	NA
Excellent.....	13	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_05292016.pdf