



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The northern and southwestern parts of the state saw the most precipitation over the last month, while the central southeastern region had very little according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cows calved is at 1 percent. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 63 percent compared to 24 percent the previous month and 59 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 58 percent compared to 17 percent the previous month and 38 percent the previous year. Cache County reports very cold temperatures increasing the appetites of cattle and sheep. Iron County reports frequent snow and rain storms, but above normal temperatures have kept the snow melted off. Grand County reports a very dry fall and limited moisture everywhere except the mountains. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 33 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 30, 2017; for February on Monday, February 27, 2017; and for March on Monday, March 27, 2017.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cows calved	1	NA	NA	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	63	24	59	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	58	17	38	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	3	2	NA
Short	6	24	8	NA
Adequate	84	67	85	NA
Surplus	10	6	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	10	9	NA
Short	14	20	33	NA
Adequate	78	68	58	NA
Surplus	5	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	4	2	NA
Poor.....	10	16	11	NA
Fair.....	40	37	34	NA
Good.....	43	39	52	NA
Excellent.....	2	4	1	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	9	2	NA
Fair.....	38	34	29	NA
Good.....	60	46	55	NA
Excellent.....	2	11	14	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Fair.....	11	14	18	NA
Good.....	85	67	71	NA
Excellent.....	4	18	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	--	--	NA
Fair.....	22	16	20	NA
Good.....	75	68	66	NA
Excellent.....	2	16	14	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 12312016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_12312016.pdf)