



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Higher temperatures combined with significant precipitation have caused rapid snowpack melt, leading to very muddy conditions causing issues for both winter wheat and cattle according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cows calved is at 11 percent, sheep farm flock lambled at 15 percent and range flock lambled at 3 percent. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 80 percent compared to 84 percent the previous month and 63 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 76 percent compared to 80 percent the previous month and 56 percent the previous year. Box Elder County reported rapid snowmelt due to precipitation and temperatures, leading to standing water in the alfalfa and winter wheat fields; reports also indicate that some peach orchards had buds damaged due to the shifting temperatures. Weber County reported concern over livestock needing additional time on supplemental feeding, challenging hay supplies. Cache County reports standing water everywhere and there are concerns that winter wheat may need to be replanted. The persistent wet conditions have also been an issue for calving and lambing, as death loss is higher than normal. Morgan County reports reservoir levels in good shape and some standing water in fields. Beaver County reports great weather conditions and calving and lambing going very well. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 5 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

The next monthly reports will be released for March on Monday, March 27, 2017. Weekly reports will begin on April 3, 2017.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cows calved	11	3	15	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	80	84	63	NA
Sheep lambled				
Farm flock	15	4	14	NA
Range flock	3	1	2	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	76	80	56	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	--	NA
Short	--	3	1	NA
Adequate	51	78	74	NA
Surplus	49	19	25	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	--	NA
Short	1	3	12	NA
Adequate	65	82	85	NA
Surplus	34	15	3	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	1	3	NA
Poor.....	4	2	10	NA
Fair.....	46	48	29	NA
Good.....	45	48	56	NA
Excellent.....	5	1	2	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	6	--	--	NA
Poor.....	29	--	--	NA
Fair.....	19	59	34	NA
Good.....	46	41	55	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	11	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	1	--	NA
Fair.....	27	21	23	NA
Good.....	70	77	67	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	1	--	NA
Fair.....	26	25	29	NA
Good.....	71	74	63	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	8	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/2017/UT Weather 02262017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_02262017.pdf)