



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures combined with 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 28 percent, sheep farm flock lambed at 25 percent and range flock lambed at 5 percent. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 68 percent compared to 80 percent the previous month and 68 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 79 percent compared to 76 percent the previous month and 58 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. Cache County reports standing water everywhere and there are concerns that winter wheat may need to be replanted. The persistent wet, muddy conditions have also been an issue for calving as death loss is higher than normal. Beaver County reports farmers planting crops along with beginning irrigation. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	1	NA	5	NA
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	3	NA	10	NA
Cows calved.....	28	11	25	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	68	80	68	NA
Sheep lambed				
Farm flock.....	25	15	20	NA
Range flock.....	5	3	5	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed.....	79	76	58	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.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	3	--	24	NA
Adequate	59	51	68	NA
Surplus	38	49	8	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	6	NA
Short.....	2	1	23	NA
Adequate	76	65	67	NA
Surplus	22	34	4	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.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	4	NA
Fair.....	38	46	41	NA
Good.....	53	45	48	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	7	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	7	6	--	NA
Poor.....	18	29	--	NA
Fair.....	19	19	38	NA
Good.....	56	46	51	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	11	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Fair.....	29	27	14	NA
Good.....	66	70	67	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	18	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	28	26	39	NA
Good.....	69	71	45	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	16	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 03262017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_03262017.pdf)