



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation fell throughout the state last week, leading to very muddy conditions causing issues for crops and cattle according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wet conditions limited days suitable for field work to 3.0, lower than the 3.6 from the previous year. Cows calved is at 57 percent, sheep farm flock lambed at 40 percent and range flock lambed at 10 percent. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 75 percent compared to 68 percent the previous report and 73 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 73 percent compared to 79 percent the previous report and 67 percent the previous year. Despite the wet conditions planting is continuing in some areas of the state as barley, oats and spring wheat are all progressing. Box Elder County reported two storms, leading to standing water in the alfalfa and winter wheat fields. Cache County reports standing water everywhere and crops like alfalfa are dying due to the excess moisture. The persistent wet, muddy conditions have also been an issue for calving as death loss is higher than normal. Garfield and Kane Counties report good snow pack and precipitation should be good for grass and forage. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 12 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.....	11	1	17	32
Oats				
Planted.....	2	--	13	17
Peaches				
Full Bloom	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	9	3	18	33
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	1	NA	NA	NA
Cows calved.....	57	28	46	51
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	75	68	73	NA
Sheep lambed				
Farm flock.....	40	25	29	37
Range flock	10	5	13	16
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	73	79	67	NA
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Range flock	6	NA	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	3.0	NA	3.6	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	3
Short	2	3	16	34
Adequate.....	60	59	75	58
Surplus.....	38	38	9	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	5	5
Short	2	2	16	35
Adequate.....	76	76	76	58
Surplus.....	22	22	3	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	3	4	6	15
Fair.....	36	38	34	40
Good.....	55	53	52	39
Excellent.....	6	5	8	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	5	7	--	NA
Poor.....	12	18	--	NA
Fair.....	24	19	31	NA
Good.....	57	56	52	NA
Excellent.....	2	--	17	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	32	29	12	19
Good.....	64	66	69	67
Excellent.....	2	3	19	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	29	28	32	NA
Good.....	67	69	53	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	15	NA

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(--) – zero

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_04022017.pdf