UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation fell throughout the state with the only exception being the southeast and Uintah Basin, causing muddy conditions to persist with only slight improvements according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-seven of the 35 weather stations reported some precipitation with 11 reporting half an inch or more. Days suitable for field work improved to 4.2 from 3.0 last week, still much lower than the 6.0 from the previous year. Apricots are starting to bloom currently at 6 percent, significantly behind the previous year 25 percent. Peaches full bloom is at 27 percent considerably higher than previous report of 2 percent. Despite the wet conditions significant planting has progressed for barley 31 percent complete, and spring wheat 24 percent complete. Both crops are behind the previous year at 44 percent and 43 percent, respectively. Cows calved is at 77 percent, farm flock sheep lambed at 65 percent and range flock sheep lambed at 25 percent. Cows calved and farm flock sheep lambed are slightly ahead of the previous and 5-year average while range flock sheep lambed is slightly behind. Supplemental feeding of cattle is at 66 percent compared to 75 percent the previous report and 58 percent the previous year. Supplemental feeding of sheep is at 81 percent compared to 73 percent for the previous report and 55 percent for the previous year. Cache County reports standing water still everywhere and crops like alfalfa are continuing to decline and die due to the excess moisture, which is also causing significant loss to beef calves. Hay and roughage supplies were 5 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 4 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Apricots				
Full Bloom	6	NA	25	10
Barley				
Planted	31	11	44	50
Oats				
Planted	3	2	21	29
Peaches				
Full Bloom	27	2	1	NA
Spring Wheat				
Planted	24	9	43	54
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	5	1	2	7
Cows calved	77	57	75	70
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	66	75	58	NA
Cattle moved to pasture	1	NA	NA	NA
Sheep lambed				
Farm flock	65	40	55	58
Range flock	25	10	36	29
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	81	73	55	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	1	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock	19	12	NA	NA
Range flock	22	6	NA	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDOWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	4.2	3.0	6.0	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	4
Short	2	2	14	33
Adequate	64	60	79	59
Surplus	34	38	7	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	6
Short	3	2	17	34
Adequate	77	76	77	59
Surplus	20	22	2	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	4	3	3	13
Fair	36	36	38	43
Good	53	55	52	38
Excellent	7	6	7	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	5	5	--	--
Poor	12	12	1	2
Fair	21	24	28	27
Good	56	57	55	57
Excellent	6	2	16	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	--	1
Fair	25	32	15	18
Good	70	64	67	69
Excellent	3	2	18	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	3	3	--	NA
Fair	28	29	25	NA
Good	68	67	62	NA
Excellent	1	1	13	NA

NA – not available
(--) – 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_04092017.pdf