



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Very little precipitation fell last week anywhere in the state, allowing for fields to dry out which resulted in days suitable for field work to increase from 4.2 to 6.0, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Only 4 of the 35 weather stations reported any precipitation for the week. The dry conditions helped apricots blooming make significant progress from 6 percent to 50 percent complete, surpassing 46 percent from the previous year. Apple full bloom has started and is currently at 6 percent. Despite dryer conditions, barley planting at 44 percent complete is still significantly behind the prior year and 5 year average. Oats progressed to 7 percent planted but are still considerably behind the 38 percent last year and 45 percent for the 5 year average. Cows calved is at 83 percent, farm flock sheep lambbed at 82 percent and range flock sheep lambbed at 43 percent. Sheep and lambs moved to pasture increased by 29 percentage points from the previous week. Cache County reports field conditions are still too wet for significant field work. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full Bloom	6	--	NA	NA
Apricots				
Full Bloom	50	6	46	27
Barley				
Planted.....	44	31	64	69
Emerged	3	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	7	3	38	45
Peaches				
Full Bloom	32	27	8	NA
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	44	24	61	74
Emerged	5	NA	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	10	5	11	24
Cows calved	83	77	87	82
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	63	66	55	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	9	1	NA	NA
Sheep lambbed				
Farm flock	85	65	84	77
Range flock	43	25	43	37
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	45	81	68	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	30	1	NA	NA
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock	36	19	NA	NA
Range flock	37	22	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	6.0	4.2	4.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	4
Short	5	2	14	32
Adequate.....	64	64	79	62
Surplus.....	31	34	7	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	5
Short	3	3	17	34
Adequate.....	78	77	77	60
Surplus.....	19	20	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	4	3	12
Fair.....	35	36	34	41
Good.....	54	53	53	41
Excellent.....	7	7	10	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor.....	12	12	--	3
Fair.....	21	21	25	26
Good.....	56	56	58	55
Excellent.....	6	6	17	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	1
Fair.....	25	25	15	18
Good.....	70	70	66	68
Excellent.....	3	3	18	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	28	28	22	NA
Good.....	68	68	65	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_04162017.pdf