



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation fell across most of the state with cooler temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wet conditions have slowed down planting with all the crops behind last year's progress as well as the 5 year average. Barley planted at 63 percent is well below last year's 89 percent, and corn planted at 8 percent below last year's 13 percent. Oats planted at 40 percent below last year's 69 percent, and spring wheat planted at 71 percent is below last year's 89 percent. Calving and lambing season is almost finished. Cows calved are at 92 percent complete, farm flock lambing is at 90 percent complete, and range flock lambing is at 66 percent complete. Cache County reports field conditions are still very muddy, and the farmers haven't been able to spray winter wheat and barley for weeds. Box Elder County reports that cool wet weather has pushed farmers out of the fields for a second week. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 71 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full Bloom	35	11	45	33
Apricots				
Full Bloom	70	65	62	73
Barley				
Planted.....	63	57	89	90
Emerged	38	29	48	65
Corn				
Planted.....	8	4	13	19
Oats				
Planted.....	40	24	69	70
Emerged	22	9	48	44
Peaches				
Full Bloom	60	50	50	69
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	71	60	89	93
Emerged	34	15	65	72
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	40	17	44	53
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	40	1	40	NA
Cows calved	92	88	95	92
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	46	45	37	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	44	31	48	NA
Sheep lambing				
Farm flock	90	88	97	91
Range flock	66	53	56	59
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	44	42	48	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	60	49	43	30
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock	67	56	80	83
Range flock	61	54	83	79

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	5.3	5.3	4.1	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	5
Short	5	6	14	34
Adequate.....	75	68	76	59
Surplus.....	20	26	10	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	3	6
Short	2	3	16	36
Adequate.....	89	80	78	57
Surplus.....	9	17	3	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	2	10
Fair.....	33	35	31	40
Good.....	52	52	56	44
Excellent.....	15	9	11	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	5	--	1
Poor.....	3	11	--	5
Fair.....	23	22	21	26
Good.....	63	55	61	52
Excellent.....	9	7	18	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	1
Fair.....	17	23	14	16
Good.....	77	73	67	71
Excellent.....	4	2	18	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	26	27	21	NA
Good.....	68	69	66	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	13	NA

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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_04302017.pdf