



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drier conditions last week were a welcome break for most of the state, with only 8 of the 35 stations reporting 0.10 of an inch of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The dry conditions have increased the days suitable for field work to 6.6 from 5.3 and have also reduced surplus top soil moisture from 20 percent to 5 percent from the previous week. Barley planted is at 83 percent, below last year's 93 percent, and corn planted at 23 percent is below last year's 39 percent. Oats planted is at 66 percent, below last year's 81 percent, and spring wheat planted at 88 percent is below last year's 95 percent. Cows calved are at 95 percent complete, farm flock sheep lambled are at 95 percent complete, and range flock sheep lambled are at 80 percent complete. Winter wheat conditions have shifted significantly from the previous week as fair condition has increased by 8 percentage points, good condition has decreased by 16 percentage points and excellent condition has increased by 6 percentage points. Cache County reports the warm, dry days have allowed farmers to get a lot of work done in the fields. Box Elder County reports dry weather conditions have allowed farmers to start planting corn and progress on wheat and alfalfa is coming along as well. Hay and roughage supplies 3 percent short, 87 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 69 percent adequate and 31 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 11 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 31 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full Bloom	56	35	59	45
Apricots				
Full Bloom	80	70	64	78
Barley				
Planted.....	83	63	93	95
Emerged	60	38	73	80
Corn				
Planted.....	23	8	39	41
Oats				
Planted.....	66	40	81	81
Emerged	50	22	66	58
Peaches				
Full Bloom	75	60	78	86
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	88	71	95	97
Emerged	58	34	78	85
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	59	40	73	69
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	51	40	58	50
Cows calved.....	95	92	97	95
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	38	46	27	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	68	44	59	39
Sheep lambled				
Farm flock.....	95	90	98	94
Range flock	80	66	68	68
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	32	44	29	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	72	60	66	57
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock.....	80	67	85	88
Range flock	70	61	88	85

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	6.6	5.3	4.9	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	4
Short	7	5	11	31
Adequate.....	88	75	80	61
Surplus.....	5	20	9	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	3	5
Short	3	2	16	35
Adequate.....	90	89	77	59
Surplus.....	7	9	4	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.....	--	--	2	8
Fair.....	24	33	29	41
Good.....	45	52	55	44
Excellent.....	31	15	14	5
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	5	3	--	4
Fair.....	31	23	17	22
Good.....	47	63	60	57
Excellent.....	15	9	23	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	1	1
Fair.....	16	17	12	17
Good.....	79	77	67	68
Excellent.....	4	4	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	3	--	NA
Fair.....	26	26	20	NA
Good.....	71	68	67	NA
Excellent.....	2	3	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_05072017.pdf