



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drier conditions were seen across most of the state, but 12 out of the 35 reporting stations primarily in the Southern portion indicated 0.25 of an inch of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Corn planting made significant progress to 61 percent complete, catching up to both the previous year and 5-year average thanks to the drier conditions. Barley planting is nearly complete at 92 percent, oats planting is at 74 percent complete, behind last year's 87 percent, and spring wheat planting is nearly complete at 95 percent. Sweet and tart cherry bloom are significantly behind both the previous year and 5-year averages. Cattle moved to pasture is at 82 percent complete, well ahead of the previous year 66 percent and 5-year average 46 percent. Cache County reports weather conditions have allowed farmers to get out into the fields and catch up on planting crops. Pastures and rangeland is in excellent condition with lots of forage. There is still some concerns with flooding if snow at higher elevations melts too quickly. Box Elder County reports lots of corn is being planted and alfalfa is getting close to being cut. Beaver County reports significant amount of corn is being planted and significant damage is being seen to alfalfa in the western part of the county due to squirrels. Stock water supplies were rated 71 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 4 percent fair, 65 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	60	56	77	60
Apricots				
Full Bloom	85	80	76	83
Barley				
Planted.....	92	83	97	97
Emerged	74	60	87	87
Corn				
Planted.....	61	23	63	62
Emerged	11	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	74	66	87	89
Emerged	60	50	75	69
Peaches				
Full Bloom	80	75	91	94
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	95	88	99	99
Emerged	80	58	91	93
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	65	59	93	86
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	56	51	77	66
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	33	38	25	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	82	68	66	46
Sheep lambled				
Range flock	87	80	78	77
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	17	32	24	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	84	72	80	72
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock	88	80	90	91
Range flock	91	70	92	89

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	6.8	6.6	5.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	6
Short	14	7	14	28
Adequate.....	83	88	79	62
Surplus.....	3	5	7	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	6
Short	8	3	16	33
Adequate.....	89	90	76	59
Surplus.....	3	7	4	2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Fair.....	6	NA	8	11
Good	68	NA	74	67
Excellent	26	NA	18	22
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	21	NA	6	NA
Good	71	NA	88	NA
Excellent	8	NA	6	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	2	8
Fair.....	23	24	22	36
Good	49	45	63	48
Excellent	28	31	13	6
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	4	NA	--	2
Fair.....	19	NA	9	17
Good	53	NA	75	62
Excellent	24	NA	16	18
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	1
Poor	5	5	--	4
Fair	33	31	17	22
Good.....	46	47	61	53
Excellent.....	14	15	22	20
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	1	1	1
Fair	16	16	11	16
Good.....	68	79	68	69
Excellent.....	16	4	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	1	1	--	NA
Fair	34	26	17	NA
Good.....	62	71	71	NA
Excellent.....	3	2	12	NA

NA – not available

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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_05142017.pdf