



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation along with colder weather was seen across the state, with 34 out of the 35 reporting stations indicating some precipitation and reducing the days suitable for field work from 6.8 to 5.4, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay cutting has begun and is currently at 1 percent complete. Apricots are almost at full bloom at 92 percent complete, in line with the prior year at 93 percent and 5-year average at 91 percent. Barley emerged is at 84 percent complete slightly behind the prior year and 5-year average. Both oats planted and emerged are slightly behind the prior year and 5-year average at 88 percent and 68 percent, respectively. Peaches and sweet and tart cherry bloom is still behind both the previous year and 5-year averages. Winter wheat headed is at 20 percent complete, with 75 percent of the crop rated as good to excellent. Spring wheat condition rating has also increased from 77 to 87 percent good to excellent. Beaver, Cache, and Duchesne Counties report weather conditions were cold last week with snow above 6,000 feet, and concerns over flooding persist. Stock water supplies were rated 80 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 41 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Apples				
Full Bloom	80	60	96	83
Apricots				
Full Bloom	92	85	93	91
Barley				
Planted.....	94	92	NA	NA
Emerged	84	74	96	94
Corn				
Planted.....	78	61	78	79
Emerged	32	11	28	40
Oats				
Planted.....	88	74	90	92
Emerged	68	60	79	76
Peaches				
Full Bloom	84	80	97	NA
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	88	80	96	97
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	78	65	NA	NA
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	75	56	94	85
Winter Wheat				
Headed	20	--	NA	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	87	82	73	NA
Sheep lambed				
Range flock	95	87	87	86
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	90	84	86	77
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock	94	88	94	94
Range flock	96	91	96	93

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	5.4	6.8	5.3	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	6
Short	16	14	12	29
Adequate.....	84	83	82	62
Surplus.....	--	3	6	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	6
Short	14	8	16	35
Adequate.....	85	89	77	58
Surplus.....	1	3	3	1

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.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	1	6	8	14
Good	71	68	73	69
Excellent	28	26	19	17
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	12	21	6	NA
Good	74	71	88	NA
Excellent	14	8	6	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	2	10
Fair.....	14	23	20	35
Good	56	49	58	46
Excellent	29	28	20	8
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	4	--	1
Fair.....	13	19	9	17
Good	62	53	75	67
Excellent	25	24	16	14
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	1
Poor	1	5	--	8
Fair	24	33	15	18
Good.....	63	46	60	52
Excellent.....	12	14	25	21
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	1
Fair	12	16	11	17
Good.....	80	68	68	68
Excellent.....	8	16	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	1	--	NA
Fair	25	34	17	NA
Good.....	69	62	71	NA
Excellent.....	6	3	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_05212017.pdf