



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The state was very dry last week with only 7 out of 35 stations reporting precipitation, which has helped increase days suitable for field work from 5.4 to 6.7. Soil moisture levels remained steady for a topsoil rating of 85 percent adequate to surplus and subsoil rating of 89 percent adequate to surplus, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Apples, apricots, peaches and sweet and tart cherries are almost at full bloom, being behind the previous year and 5-year average. Barley planting is at 97 percent complete and emergence at 87 percent complete, slightly behind the prior year and 5-year average. Corn planted is at 90 percent complete and 61 percent emerged, comparable to the previous year and 5-year average. Other hay 1st cutting harvested has started and is currently at 3 percent complete. Winter wheat headed is at 34 percent complete, with 73 percent of the crop rated as good to excellent, down slightly from the previous week. Cattle and sheep moved to pasture is almost complete at 90 percent and 92 percent, respectively. Sheep farm flock shorn is nearly complete at 98 percent. Box Elder County reports hay is starting to be cut and good drying weather is helping considerably. Cache County reports warmer, dryer conditions have allowed for a lot of field work last week. Weevils have been reported in alfalfa fields leading to an increased use of insecticides. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 94 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 28 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.....	15	1	12	12
Apples				
Full Bloom	90	80	NA	NA
Apricots				
Full Bloom	97	92	NA	NA
Barley				
Planted.....	97	94	NA	NA
Emerged	87	84	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	90	78	89	90
Emerged	61	32	55	64
Oats				
Planted.....	98	88	93	96
Emerged	76	68	85	85
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Peaches				
Full Bloom	95	84	NA	NA
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	94	88	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	93	78	NA	NA
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	88	75	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Headed	34	20	NA	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	90	87	77	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	92	90	90	NA
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock.....	98	94	96	96

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	6.7	5.4	6.3	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	7
Short	15	16	12	28
Adequate.....	84	84	83	63
Surplus.....	1	--	5	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	7
Short	11	14	16	32
Adequate.....	88	85	77	60
Surplus.....	1	1	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.....	4	1	8	12
Good	73	71	73	66
Excellent	23	28	19	22
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	8	12	6	NA
Good	83	74	88	NA
Excellent	9	14	6	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	9
Fair.....	14	14	19	32
Good	65	56	57	50
Excellent	20	29	22	8
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	--	--	2
Fair.....	16	13	9	17
Good	61	62	75	63
Excellent	20	25	16	18
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	1	--	8
Fair	24	24	15	22
Good.....	64	63	60	50
Excellent.....	9	12	25	19
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	1
Fair	14	12	11	15
Good.....	80	80	68	70
Excellent.....	6	8	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	16	25	16	NA
Good.....	78	69	71	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	13	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_05282017.pdf