



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The state continues to be hot and dry, with only 1 of the 35 weather station reporting any precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley headed is at 38 percent, significantly behind the previous year at 70 percent. Corn planting is complete and emergence is at 92 percent, comparable to the previous year and 5-year average. Oats emergence is nearly complete at 92 percent and heading is at 26 percent, very comparable to the previous year. Other hay 1st cutting harvested is currently at 54 percent complete. Winter wheat headed is at 72 percent complete, with 58 percent of the crop rated as good to excellent, down from 62 percent the previous week. Cattle and sheep moved to pasture are almost complete, both at 95 percent. Box Elder County reports no rainfall since the beginning of May has lead corn farmers to water for the first time. The dry conditions have allowed hay cutting to move along quickly, with baled hay looking good. Pasture at lower elevations is drying out leading to increased fire risk, with two smaller fires reported during the week. Cache County reports warmer, dryer conditions have allowed for a lot of hay to be cut and lots of irrigation water is being applied to fields. Duchesne County reports a fire on the west side of Maeser, which burned about 1,000 acres. Wayne County reports 1st cutting of alfalfa is short, and bugs have been very bad leading some operators to spray twice. Beaver County reports 1st alfalfa crop looking good, although some farmers are having weevil and ground squirrel issues. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 29 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.....	67	44	64	57
Barley				
Headed	38	9	70	58
Corn				
Emerged	92	79	87	92
Oats				
Emerged	92	87	93	95
Headed	26	10	21	23
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	54	29	48	41
Spring Wheat				
Headed	19	3	36	39
Winter Wheat				
Headed	72	54	73	79
Cattle moved to pasture.....	95	93	89	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	95	94	96	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.....	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	1	1	9
Short.....	30	21	18	34
Adequate	70	78	78	56
Surplus	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	4	6
Short	19	16	22	36
Adequate	80	84	72	57
Surplus	1	--	2	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	8	5	8	12
Good.....	68	72	73	66
Excellent.....	24	23	19	22
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	11	4	16	20
Good.....	80	86	77	68
Excellent.....	9	10	7	11
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	17	14	6	16
Good.....	68	77	85	71
Excellent.....	15	9	9	9
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	1	3	12
Fair.....	24	19	24	32
Good.....	55	62	55	46
Excellent.....	20	18	18	7
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	--	3
Fair.....	25	21	12	19
Good.....	54	58	70	59
Excellent.....	16	18	18	19
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	7	5	--	8
Fair.....	35	33	17	22
Good.....	51	56	66	52
Excellent.....	7	6	17	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	16	15	11	17
Good.....	76	78	68	68
Excellent.....	8	7	20	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Fair.....	31	22	16	NA
Good.....	64	71	71	NA
Excellent.....	5	6	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_06112017.pdf