



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Only 1 of the 34 weather stations reported 0.01 inches of precipitation or more this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. With the continued dry weather, moisture levels for topsoil surplus ratings fell from 59 percent to 51 percent. Winter wheat condition rated good to excellent decreased from 44 percent to 32 percent. Good to excellent condition ratings fell for cattle and calves from 85 percent to 81 percent and sheep and lambs from 69 percent to 65 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 70 percent compared to 63 percent last year. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is very similar to last year at 56 percent compared to 58 percent. Box Elder County reports only one storm during the month of December and snowpack is below normal. Garfield and Kane Counties report livestock water is in short supply and is causing some producers to haul water in or sell cattle. Beaver County reports very dry conditions. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 3 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, and 85 percent adequate.

Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 29, 2018; for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved	1	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	70	34	63	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	56	34	58	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	--	NA
Short.....	41	33	6	NA
Adequate	51	59	84	NA
Surplus	--	--	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	5	3	NA
Short.....	26	30	14	NA
Adequate	64	65	78	NA
Surplus	--	--	5	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	7	5	5	NA
Poor.....	14	11	10	NA
Fair.....	50	46	40	NA
Good.....	29	35	43	NA
Excellent.....	--	3	2	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	4	8	--	NA
Fair.....	64	46	38	NA
Good.....	30	35	60	NA
Excellent.....	2	9	2	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	1	--	NA
Fair.....	16	14	11	NA
Good.....	78	74	85	NA
Excellent.....	3	11	4	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	1	1	NA
Fair.....	32	30	22	NA
Good.....	63	66	75	NA
Excellent.....	2	3	2	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_12312017.pdf