



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw some moisture over the last few weeks, but snowpack levels remain well below normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus rose from 48 percent to 69 percent. Barley, oats and spring wheat planting progress is currently at 8 percent, 2 percent and 6 percent complete, respectively, slightly ahead of last year. Winter wheat conditions rated good to excellent increased from 21 percent to 28 percent. Excellent condition ratings for cattle and calves rose from 2 percent to 10 percent and sheep and lambs from 1 percent to 8 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 82 percent, compared to 68 percent from a year ago. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is significantly less than last year at 66 percent compared to 79 percent a year ago. Box Elder County reports spring storms have brought much needed moisture over the past two weeks and planting has started for oats and a few onions. Cache County reports wet conditions slowing down planting but calving and lambing are proceeding quite well. Sevier County reports drought conditions persist. Beaver County reports recent storms have helped soil moisture but snowpack remains just over 50% of normal. Iron County reports soil moisture improvement with the spring storms. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 3 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 70 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	8	NA	1	NA
Oats				
Planted .....	2	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	6	NA	3	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	40	16	28	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	82	80	68	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock .....	36	16	25	NA
Ewes lambed – range flock .....	5	1	5	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	66	62	79	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 .....	3	17	--	NA
Short .....	28	35	3	NA
Adequate .....	63	47	59	NA
Surplus .....	6	1	38	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	10	16	--	NA
Short .....	27	32	2	NA
Adequate .....	63	52	76	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	22	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	4	5	--	NA
Poor.....	24	10	4	NA
Fair.....	42	47	38	NA
Good .....	30	38	53	NA
Excellent .....	--	--	5	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	2	9	7	NA
Poor.....	14	21	18	NA
Fair.....	56	49	19	NA
Good .....	24	19	56	NA
Excellent .....	4	2	--	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	1	2	NA
Fair.....	19	15	29	NA
Good .....	69	82	66	NA
Excellent .....	10	2	3	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	24	22	28	NA
Good .....	66	75	69	NA
Excellent .....	8	1	--	NA

NA – not available

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Utah’s weather data was not available at time of publication. A link will be provided as soon as data becomes available.