



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah had very little moisture fall over the last week and 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 fell slightly from 69 percent to 65 percent. Barley, oats and spring wheat planting progress is currently at 17 percent, 8 percent and 13 percent complete, respectively, slightly ahead of last year. Winter wheat conditions rated good to excellent is 26 percent compared to 58 percent last year. Excellent condition ratings for cattle and calves fell from 10 percent to 2 percent and sheep and lambs from 8 percent to 2 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 89 percent, compared to 75 percent from a year ago. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is comparable to the prior year at 71 percent compared to 73 percent a year ago. Box Elder county reports fields are starting to be harrowed for weed control. Cache County reports fields are still wet and fieldwork is progressing slowly. Wayne County reports very poor range conditions. Iron County reports sunny warm weather is helping calving and lambing. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, and 79 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current report (percent) | Previous report (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 17 | 8 | 10 | 24 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Planted | 8 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 13 | 6 | 8 | 24 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved | 63 | 40 | 53 | 47 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 89 | 82 | 75 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambed – farm flock | 61 | 36 | 38 | 34 |
| Ewes lambed – range flock | 14 | 5 | 9 | 12 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 71 | 66 | 73 | NA |

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for field work | 5.1 | -- | 3.0 | 4.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 10 | 3 | -- | 3 |
| Short | 25 | 28 | 2 | 28 |
| Adequate | 59 | 63 | 60 | 58 |
| Surplus | 6 | 6 | 38 | 11 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 10 | 10 | -- | 5 |
| Short | 30 | 27 | 2 | 29 |
| Adequate | 60 | 63 | 76 | 60 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | 22 | 6 |

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 | 4 | 4 | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 15 | 24 | 3 | 14 |
| Fair..... | 51 | 42 | 36 | 38 |
| Good | 30 | 30 | 55 | 42 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | 6 | 4 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 7 | 2 | 5 | NA |
| Poor..... | 20 | 14 | 12 | NA |
| Fair..... | 47 | 56 | 24 | NA |
| Good | 22 | 24 | 57 | NA |
| Excellent | 4 | 4 | 2 | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Fair..... | 27 | 19 | 32 | 23 |
| Good | 69 | 69 | 64 | 67 |
| Excellent | 2 | 10 | 2 | 9 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | NA |
| Fair..... | 33 | 24 | 29 | NA |
| Good | 62 | 66 | 67 | NA |
| Excellent | 2 | 8 | 1 | NA |

NA – not available

(--)- zero

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