



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Significant moisture fell in Utah over the last week, with 29 out of 34 weather station reporting 0.10 inches of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus rose from 65 percent to 81 percent. Barley, oats and spring wheat planting progress is currently at 42 percent, 24 percent, and 42 percent complete, respectively, well ahead of last year. Barley and spring wheat have started to emerge at 3 and 5 percent, respectively. Winter wheat conditions rated good to excellent is 41 percent compared to 62 percent last year. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 82 percent, compared to 66 percent from a year ago. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is comparable to the prior year at 78 percent compared to 81 percent a year ago. Sheep and lambs shorn is well ahead of the prior year at 37 percent for farm flock compared to 18 percent and 29 percent for range flock compared to 20 percent. Cache County reports rainstorms have made fields too wet for any significant field work. Where they can, farmers are working hard to get fertilizer applied and small grains planted. Iron County reports soil moisture and range conditions have improved with some spring storms. Wayne County reports very dry conditions, and spring range is nonexistent in the eastern portion of the county. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, and 84 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	42	17	28	40
Emerged.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted	24	8	3	22
Spring wheat				
Planted	42	13	22	40
Emerged.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	73	63	74	66
Receiving supplemental feed	82	89	66	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	72	61	61	53
Ewes lambed – range flock	30	14	23	25
Shorn – farm flock	37	NA	18	NA
Shorn – range flock.....	29	NA	20	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	78	71	81	NA

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	5.7	5.1	4.2	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	10	--	4
Short	11	25	2	29
Adequate	75	59	64	57
Surplus	6	6	34	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	10	--	6
Short	35	30	3	29
Adequate	57	60	77	60
Surplus	--	--	20	5

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	4	--	2
Poor	8	15	4	13
Fair	55	51	36	41
Good	33	30	53	40
Excellent	--	--	7	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	6	7	5	1
Poor	17	20	12	4
Fair	36	47	21	26
Good	31	22	56	58
Excellent	10	4	6	11
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	2	2	1
Fair	21	27	25	21
Good	78	69	70	69
Excellent	--	2	3	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	1	3	3	NA
Fair	27	33	28	NA
Good	71	62	68	NA
Excellent	1	2	1	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/2018/UT-Weather-04082018.pdf