



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah was very dry over the last week, with only 12 out of 34 weather station reporting 0.01 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 fell from 81 percent to 71 percent. Apricots fully bloomed is at 46 percent, well ahead of the 5-year average. Peaches fully bloomed is at 8 percent, well behind the 31 percent of the previous year. Oats planted is at 45 percent, well ahead of the 6 percent of the previous year. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is much higher than the prior year at 71 percent compared to 45 percent. Sheep and lambs shorn is well ahead of the prior year at 50 percent for farm flock compared to 34 percent and 45 percent for range flock compared to 35 percent. Box Elder County reports most of the onions have been planted with some starting to emerge, and fall wheat is looking good to excellent as farmers are starting to plant other small grains. Peaches have started to bloom and some apricots received frost damage. Wayne County reports no change in drought pattern. Beaver County reports low snow pack will cause some farmers to receive no irrigation water this year. Iron County reports the west side of the county has received no moisture and the ranges are not growing. Garfield and Kane Counties both reported they are in need of moisture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, and 76 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apricots				
Fully bloomed.....	46	NA	44	30
Barley				
Planted	53	42	42	59
Emerged.....	10	3	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted	45	24	6	35
Emerged.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Peaches				
Fully bloomed.....	8	--	31	NA
Spring wheat				
Planted	55	42	41	63
Emerged.....	12	5	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	6	--	9	7
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	82	73	82	81
Receiving supplemental feed	79	82	63	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	82	72	82	76
Ewes lambed – range flock	53	30	40	37
Sheep shorn – farm flock	50	37	34	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	45	29	35	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	71	78	45	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	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	8	--	4
Short	20	11	5	28
Adequate	64	75	64	60
Surplus	7	6	31	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	10	8	--	5
Short	33	35	3	27
Adequate	57	57	78	63
Surplus	--	--	19	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	6	4	--	2
Poor	6	8	4	12
Fair	57	55	35	41
Good	30	33	54	41
Excellent	1	--	7	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	5	6	5	2
Poor	20	17	12	5
Fair	31	36	21	25
Good	37	31	56	56
Excellent	7	10	6	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	2	1
Fair	10	21	25	22
Good	87	78	70	68
Excellent	2	--	3	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	2	1	3	NA
Fair	16	27	28	NA
Good	80	71	68	NA
Excellent	2	1	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-04152018.pdf