



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw moisture over the last week, with 26 out of 34 weather station reporting 0.02 inches of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Despite the moisture, topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus fell from 71 percent to 62 percent. Apricots fully bloomed is at 57 percent, slightly behind the 5-year average. Peaches fully bloomed is at 22 percent, well behind the 47 percent of the previous year. Oats planted is at 65 percent, well ahead of the 22 percent of the previous year. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is much higher than the prior year at 62 percent compared to 42 percent. Sheep and lambs shorn is well ahead of the prior year at 70 percent for farm flock compared to 53 percent and 65 percent for range flock compared to 52 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers continue to plant spring crops and corn planting will begin soon. Cache County reports farmers are getting into the fields and planting wheat, barley, and oats. Beaver County reports a weekend storm dumped 6 inches of snow, but irrigation water may still be short for the year. Iron County reports heavy wet snow fell, helping the range condition. Garfield and Kane Counties report frost damage on some crops and a small amount of precipitation. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, and 79 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apricots				
Fully bloomed .....	57	46	63	53
Barley				
Planted .....	79	53	55	73
Emerged .....	34	10	25	37
Oats				
Planted .....	65	45	22	49
Emerged .....	27	4	8	22
Peaches				
Fully bloomed .....	22	8	47	36
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	81	55	58	76
Emerged .....	37	12	14	40
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed .....	10	6	16	19
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed .....	1	--	1	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	89	82	87	87
Moved to pasture .....	15	NA	28	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	70	79	45	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock .....	90	82	88	86
Ewes lambed – range flock .....	65	53	52	46
Moved to pasture .....	32	NA	46	19
Receiving supplemental feed .....	62	71	42	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock .....	70	50	53	65
Sheep shorn – range flock .....	65	45	52	61

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work .....	6.4	5.5	5.3	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	9	9	--	4
Short .....	29	20	6	31
Adequate .....	56	64	68	58
Surplus .....	6	7	26	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	10	10	--	5
Short .....	41	33	3	28
Adequate .....	48	57	80	63
Surplus .....	1	--	17	4

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 .....	5	6	--	1
Poor .....	10	6	4	10
Fair .....	59	57	35	41
Good .....	22	30	52	43
Excellent .....	4	1	9	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	8	5	5	2
Poor .....	28	20	11	6
Fair .....	22	31	22	25
Good .....	34	37	55	54
Excellent .....	8	7	7	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	2	1	2	1
Fair .....	15	10	23	20
Good .....	78	87	73	70
Excellent .....	5	2	2	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	2	2	3	NA
Fair .....	22	16	27	NA
Good .....	71	80	69	NA
Excellent .....	5	2	1	NA

NA – not available

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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-04222018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-04222018.pdf)