



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw light moisture over the last week, with reports of scattered showers, 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 62 percent to 55 percent. Apples are blooming, currently at 2 percent, well behind the previous year. Peaches fully bloomed is at 32 percent, well behind the 59 percent of the previous year. Barley planting is almost complete, at 91 percent and emergence is at 60 percent. Oats planted is at 74 percent, well ahead of the 38 percent of the previous year. Spring wheat planting is at 92 percent complete, well ahead of the previous year. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is even with the prior year at 43 percent compared to 42 percent. Box Elder County reports dry weather has allowed for farmers to get into the fields and winter wheat is mostly looking fair to good, but rainfall is needed. Uintah County reports water was turned into most canals. Beaver County reports a shortage of irrigation water. Garfield and Kane Counties report a real need for moisture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 70 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Fully bloomed.....	2	--	32	18
Apricots				
Fully bloomed.....	60	57	69	66
Barley				
Planted.....	91	79	62	82
Emerg'd .....	60	34	37	55
Corn				
Planted.....	12	--	7	14
Oats				
Planted.....	74	65	38	60
Emerg'd .....	46	27	20	37
Peaches				
Fully bloomed.....	32	22	59	58
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	92	81	69	86
Emerg'd .....	65	37	31	60
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	15	10	37	39
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	6	1	34	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	91	89	91	91
Moved to pasture .....	39	15	42	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	57	70	46	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock .....	95	90	90	90
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	76	65	64	59
Moved to pasture .....	58	32	58	36
Receiving supplemental feed .....	43	62	44	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	84	70	65	76
Sheep shorn – range flock .....	84	65	60	73

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.....	6.9	6.4	5.3	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	9	--	5
Short.....	38	29	5	28
Adequate .....	50	56	75	61
Surplus .....	5	6	20	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	10	--	6
Short.....	46	41	2	29
Adequate .....	47	48	89	62
Surplus .....	1	1	9	3

NA – not available

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	4	5	--	2
Poor .....	15	10	--	9
Fair.....	50	59	33	38
Good .....	26	22	52	44
Excellent.....	5	4	15	7
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	2	8	2	1
Poor .....	19	28	3	6
Fair.....	29	22	23	25
Good .....	39	34	63	54
Excellent.....	11	8	9	14
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	3	2	2	1
Fair.....	10	15	17	17
Good .....	73	78	77	72
Excellent.....	14	5	4	10
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	1	2	3	NA
Fair.....	17	22	26	NA
Good .....	68	71	68	NA
Excellent.....	14	5	3	NA

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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.