



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw significant moisture over the last week, with 33 of 34 weather stations reporting 0.06 inches or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture rating remained fairly steady from the previous week. Apples, peaches, and sweet and tart cherries fully bloomed has increased significantly with the higher temperatures over the last week. Barley and spring wheat planting is almost complete, at 97 percent and 98 percent, respectively. Spring wheat emergence is at 86 percent, well ahead of the previous year. Range flock sheep shorn is at 96 percent, complete well ahead of the 69 percent of the previous year. Box Elder County reports significant corn planting started last week, and alfalfa hay fields are averaging 10 inches tall. Cache County reports most of the corn will be planted in the next 2 weeks and livestock are doing well. Beaver County reports the rain is really helping the crops and the livestock are looking good. Iron County reports only 61 percent of normal precipitation, but the moisture has come at the right time to get crops growing. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 78 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 3 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 25 percent fair, and 53 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Fully bloomed.....	45	2	53	35
Apricots				
Fully bloomed.....	65	60	79	73
Barley				
Planted.....	97	91	80	90
Emerged .....	81	60	57	72
Corn				
Planted.....	28	12	21	34
Oats				
Planted.....	82	74	62	74
Emerged .....	62	46	46	54
Peaches				
Fully bloomed.....	85	32	73	79
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	98	92	86	94
Emerged .....	86	65	55	76
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	65	15	56	57
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	55	6	49	38
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	94	91	95	94
Moved to pasture.....	57	39	65	36
Receiving supplemental feed.....	42	57	38	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	81	76	78	69
Moved to pasture.....	76	58	70	56
Receiving supplemental feed.....	31	43	32	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	88	84	78	83
Sheep shorn – range flock .....	96	84	69	81

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.....	6.2	6.9	6.6	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	7	--	3
Short.....	36	38	7	25
Adequate .....	55	50	88	67
Surplus .....	2	5	5	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	6	--	5
Short.....	42	46	3	28
Adequate .....	49	47	90	64
Surplus .....	1	1	7	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	75	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	NA	NA	NA
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	14	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	65	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	20	NA	NA	NA
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	27	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	67	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	NA	NA	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	2
Poor.....	20	15	--	6
Fair.....	46	50	24	37
Good.....	25	26	45	44
Excellent.....	5	5	31	11
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	50	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	17	NA	NA	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	10	2	2	1
Poor.....	21	19	5	4
Fair.....	28	29	31	24
Good.....	31	39	47	54
Excellent.....	10	11	15	17
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	3	1	1
Fair.....	16	10	16	18
Good.....	76	73	79	71
Excellent.....	6	14	4	10
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	22	17	26	NA
Good.....	72	68	71	NA
Excellent.....	5	14	2	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-05062018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-05062018.pdf)