



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw scattered moisture over the last week, with 16 of the 34 weather stations reporting 0.11 inches or more of precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings remained steady from the previous week. Apples, apricots, peaches, and sweet and tart cherries fully bloomed have progressed significantly over the last week and are ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Barley and spring wheat are almost fully emerged, at 89 percent and 92 percent, respectively and are well ahead of the prior year. Corn planting is at 46 percent complete, slightly behind the prior year. Box Elder County reports a good rain on Friday and Saturday helped the crops and cattle are moving to summer ranges. Cache County reports a significant amount of corn was planted this week and spring rains are helping get crops established. Beaver County reports hot weather is melting the remaining snow, allowing for some farmers to receive irrigation water for a limited time. Iron County reports significant amount of aphids in alfalfa fields. Garfield and Kane Counties report very dry conditions. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, and 81 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.....	65	45	59	49
Apricots				
Fully bloomed.....	90	65	84	79
Barley				
Emerged .....	89	81	72	83
Corn				
Planted.....	46	28	56	57
Emerged .....	8	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Planted.....	89	82	73	84
Emerged .....	70	62	59	65
Peaches				
Fully bloomed.....	92	85	79	89
Spring wheat				
Emerged .....	92	86	77	88
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	85	65	64	77
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	75	55	55	55
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	95	94	NA	NA
Moved to pasture .....	63	57	80	47
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	88	81	86	79
Moved to pasture .....	79	76	82	68
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	94	88	87	88

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.....	6.0	6.2	6.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	7	--	4
Short.....	35	36	14	25
Adequate .....	57	55	83	67
Surplus .....	2	2	3	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	--	5
Short.....	42	42	8	27
Adequate .....	50	49	89	66
Surplus .....	--	1	3	2

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
Poor.....	--	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	18	22	NA	NA
Good.....	80	75	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	NA	NA
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair.....	12	14	6	11
Good.....	67	65	68	67
Excellent.....	20	20	26	22
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	3	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	21	27	NA	NA
Good.....	73	67	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	NA	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	4	--	2
Poor.....	14	20	--	6
Fair.....	45	46	23	32
Good.....	33	25	49	49
Excellent.....	5	5	28	11
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	6	7	4	3
Fair.....	23	23	19	17
Good.....	51	50	53	60
Excellent.....	17	17	24	19
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	10	10	2	1
Poor.....	20	21	5	5
Fair.....	30	28	33	24
Good.....	29	31	46	53
Excellent.....	11	10	14	17
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	--	1
Fair.....	13	16	16	17
Good.....	80	76	68	69
Excellent.....	6	6	16	13
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	20	22	34	NA
Good.....	75	72	62	NA
Excellent.....	4	5	3	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-05132018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-05132018.pdf)