



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw scattered moisture over the last week, with 20 of the 34 weather stations reporting 0.02 inches or more of precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings improved slightly 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 winter wheat are starting to head, currently at 1 percent and 4 percent respectively. Corn planting at 61 percent complete, slightly behind the prior year. Box Elder County reports hay is being green chopped and corn is almost fully planted; fruit in the county is now fully bloomed and almost all the cattle will be moved to pasture by June 1st. Cache County reports corn is almost fully planted and alfalfa is ready to cut, but farmers are waiting for better weather conditions. Iron County reports high populations of small grasshoppers are showing up in the rangeland. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, and 76 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 3 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 31 percent fair, and 63 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Apples				
Fully bloomed.....	91	65	77	76
Apricots				
Fully bloomed.....	96	90	91	87
Barley				
Emerged	96	89	83	91
Headed.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	61	46	76	75
Emerged	31	8	29	33
Oats				
Planted.....	93	89	86	90
Emerged	77	70	67	73
Peaches				
Fully bloomed.....	96	92	83	NA
Spring wheat				
Emerged	96	92	87	94
Sweet Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	96	85	76	NA
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	100	75	72	76
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	4	--	17	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	71	63	86	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	91	88	94	87
Moved to pasture.....	85	79	89	75
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	95	94	93	92

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	6.0	5.4	5.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	6	--	3
Short.....	30	35	16	24
Adequate	61	57	84	70
Surplus	--	2	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	8	--	5
Short.....	33	42	14	28
Adequate	58	50	85	66
Surplus	--	--	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	18	NA	NA
Good.....	78	80	NA	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair.....	12	12	1	10
Good.....	67	67	71	68
Excellent.....	20	20	28	22
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	21	NA	NA
Good.....	72	73	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	2	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	9	14	1	6
Fair.....	45	45	14	30
Good.....	41	33	56	50
Excellent.....	2	5	29	13
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	1
Poor.....	7	6	--	1
Fair.....	21	23	13	15
Good.....	52	51	62	64
Excellent.....	17	17	25	19
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	10	10	--	1
Poor.....	22	20	1	4
Fair.....	30	30	24	21
Good.....	27	29	63	57
Excellent.....	11	11	12	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	11	13	12	18
Good.....	80	80	80	70
Excellent.....	8	6	8	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	17	20	25	NA
Good.....	77	75	69	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	6	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-05202018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-05202018.pdf)