



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw some precipitation over the week, with 20 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.03 inches or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Days suitable for field work and topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings remained similar to the previous week. Alfalfa and other hay first cutting is progressing at 6 percent and 1 percent complete, respectively. Barley and spring wheat heading are progressing, currently at 8 percent and 1 percent complete respectively. Corn emergence is behind the previous year and 5-year average. Cattle moved to pasture is behind the previous year by 12 percentage points. Box Elder County reported spotty showers over the week, and the first cutting of alfalfa is progressing. Cache County reports lots of irrigation water flowing and weevils in the alfalfa fields. Beaver County reports ground squirrels are doing a lot of damage to alfalfa fields on the Milford Flat. Garfield and Kane Counties reported spotty rain showers over the week, improving range conditions slightly. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 69 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 4 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 35 percent fair, and 57 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting harvested.....	6	2	13	9
Apples				
Fully bloomed.....	96	91	89	NA
Barley				
Headed.....	8	1	--	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	78	61	88	88
Emerg'd.....	48	31	57	62
Oats				
Planted.....	96	93	97	95
Emerg'd.....	82	77	75	81
Other Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	3	NA	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	15	4	32	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	78	71	90	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	95	91	NA	NA
Moved to pasture.....	91	85	92	80

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.....	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	9	--	3
Short.....	28	30	15	26
Adequate.....	62	61	84	69
Surplus.....	--	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	9	--	5
Short.....	28	33	11	27
Adequate.....	61	58	88	67
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.....	2	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	19	NA	NA
Good.....	71	78	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	2	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	--	--
Fair.....	14	12	4	10
Good.....	61	67	73	69
Excellent.....	23	20	23	21
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	25	NA	8	NA
Good.....	67	NA	83	NA
Excellent.....	8	NA	9	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	20	22	NA	NA
Good.....	66	72	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	1	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	1
Poor.....	16	9	1	5
Fair.....	40	45	14	27
Good.....	36	41	65	55
Excellent.....	3	2	20	12
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	3	2
Fair.....	30	21	16	16
Good.....	43	52	61	64
Excellent.....	17	17	20	18
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	13	10	--	1
Poor.....	22	22	3	5
Fair.....	28	30	24	22
Good.....	26	27	64	55
Excellent.....	11	11	9	17
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	12	11	14	16
Good.....	78	80	80	72
Excellent.....	9	8	6	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	1	--	NA
Fair.....	17	17	16	NA
Good.....	75	77	78	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	6	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-05272018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-05272018.pdf)