



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw some moisture over the last few weeks, and snowpack levels remain well above normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus rose from 9 percent to 50 percent, with the moisture received. Barley planting progress is currently at 1 percent, slightly behind last year. Good condition ratings for cattle and calves fell from 76 percent to 65 percent and sheep and lambs from 74 percent to 68 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 89 percent, compared to 82 percent from a year ago. Box Elder County reports good moisture over the last month, with excellent snowpack in the mountains. Wasatch County reports good snow cover. Uintah County reports beef producers have lost a high percentage of their calves due to deep snow. Beaver County reports lots of sick young calves with the wet, cold weather. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 31 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent short, 92 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 1, 2019.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	1	NA	8	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	41	12	40	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	89	93	82	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	44	21	36	NA
Ewes lambed – range flock	7	1	5	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	68	67	66	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	3	NA
Short.....	--	--	28	NA
Adequate	50	91	63	NA
Surplus	50	9	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	10	NA
Short.....	1	11	27	NA
Adequate	77	83	63	NA
Surplus	22	6	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	12	1	4	NA
Poor.....	14	17	24	NA
Fair.....	29	27	42	NA
Good	31	54	30	NA
Excellent	14	1	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	2	NA
Poor.....	9	4	14	NA
Fair.....	28	32	56	NA
Good	56	58	24	NA
Excellent	7	6	4	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	4	2	NA
Fair.....	28	20	19	NA
Good	65	76	69	NA
Excellent	--	--	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	2	NA
Fair.....	26	21	24	NA
Good	68	74	66	NA
Excellent	--	--	8	NA

NA – not available

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