



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced cooler temperatures along with rain storms that limited fieldwork due to wet, muddy conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus fell from 34 percent last week to 32 percent. Box Elder County reports producers applying fertilizers and herbicides between rain storms, and completing cattle branding and vaccinations prior to sending out to pasture. Cattle moved to pasture is at 4 percent and sheep moved to pasture is 8 percent. Rich County reports a very tough calving year due to the cold spring along with standing snow and water. Beaver County reports alfalfa is greening slower and livestock producers are feeding hay longer due to the colder weather. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 78 percent, compared to 79 percent from a year ago. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 10 percent very short, 49 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 67 percent good and 33 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted | 38 | 35 | 51 | 58 |
| Emerged..... | 13 | 6 | 9 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 1 | NA | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 82 | 75 | 81 | 79 |
| Moved to pasture | 4 | NA | NA | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 78 | 86 | 79 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambed – farm flock | 86 | 65 | 81 | 73 |
| Ewes lambed – range flock | 41 | 37 | 50 | 40 |
| Moved to pasture | 8 | NA | NA | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 60 | 62 | 71 | NA |
| Sheep shorn – farm flock | 60 | 35 | 48 | NA |
| Sheep shorn – range flock..... | 57 | 33 | 43 | NA |

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..... | 3.3 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 9 | 5 |
| Short..... | 2 | 2 | 20 | 27 |
| Adequate..... | 66 | 64 | 64 | 59 |
| Surplus..... | 32 | 34 | 7 | 9 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 10 | 6 |
| Short..... | 4 | 2 | 33 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 74 | 76 | 57 | 60 |
| Surplus..... | 22 | 22 | -- | 5 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | 6 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 15 | 20 | 6 | 9 |
| Fair..... | 38 | 45 | 57 | 43 |
| Good..... | 30 | 23 | 30 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | 16 | 12 | 1 | 4 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 5 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 6 | 20 | 7 |
| Fair..... | 24 | 24 | 31 | 26 |
| Good..... | 63 | 58 | 37 | 53 |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 12 | 7 | 12 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Fair..... | 27 | 35 | 10 | 18 |
| Good..... | 58 | 50 | 87 | 72 |
| Excellent..... | 10 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 7 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 30 | 16 | 19 |
| Good..... | 62 | 55 | 80 | 73 |
| Excellent..... | 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero