



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah had another week of rain storms with excessive moisture limiting fieldwork, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus fell from 32 percent last week to 29 percent. Box Elder County reports producers are behind on planting onions and spring grains due to consecutive week of moisture. Cache County reports limited fieldwork due to consistent rain storms, and the need for warmer weather for crops and livestock. Barley planted is at 46 percent complete with emergence at 23 percent, both below last year's progress. Beaver County reports alfalfa and grass finally started growing due to the warmer weather, and producers are getting sprinklers ready for the season. Iron County reports some roads were washed out due to rainfall runoff, and there are several reports of aphids in alfalfa. Statewide, alfalfa hay conditions were rated 84 percent good to excellent and other hay conditions were rated 83 percent good to excellent. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 41 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 93 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 65 percent good and 35 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	46	38	75	75
Emerged	23	13	31	38
Corn				
Planted	2	1	NA	NA
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed	15	--	1	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	86	82	88	86
Moved to pasture	15	4	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	69	78	70	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	88	86	89	86
Ewes lambed – range flock	49	41	63	50
Moved to pasture	21	8	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	55	60	62	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock	75	60	67	61
Sheep shorn – range flock	75	57	62	60

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.....	4.5	3.3	6.4	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	9	5
Short.....	2	2	29	30
Adequate.....	69	66	56	57
Surplus.....	29	32	6	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	10	6
Short.....	5	4	41	30
Adequate.....	71	74	48	59
Surplus.....	24	22	1	5

NA – not available

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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	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	14	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	79	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	16	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	69	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	1	5	2
Poor.....	10	15	10	8
Fair.....	32	38	59	44
Good.....	36	30	22	41
Excellent.....	20	16	4	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	3
Poor.....	7	4	28	9
Fair.....	24	24	22	24
Good.....	60	63	34	52
Excellent.....	9	9	8	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	5	2	1
Fair.....	27	27	15	19
Good.....	61	58	78	70
Excellent.....	8	10	5	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	7	2	1
Fair.....	22	22	22	21
Good.....	65	62	71	71
Excellent.....	9	9	5	7

NA – not available

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