



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah had another period of dry and warm weather throughout the state during the past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fields are finally drying out enough to resume fieldwork. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus fell from 24 percent last week to 16 percent. Box Elder County reports several cold nights of frost and ice in the alfalfa fields, and corn being planted in the Bear River Valley. Corn planted is at 21 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Beaver County reports producers were planting alfalfa and cows being sent out to pasture. Iron County reports issues with alfalfa weevils. Statewide, alfalfa hay conditions were rated 76 percent good to excellent and other hay conditions were rated 84 percent good to excellent. Statewide, cattle moved to pasture is at 39 percent and sheep moved to pasture is 47 percent, both below last year's progress. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 18 percent very short, 50 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 90 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 34 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	69	58	96	91
Emerged .....	43	37	78	72
Corn				
Planted .....	21	3	26	29
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed .....	40	25	48	36
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	95	91	94	93
Moved to pasture .....	39	29	54	44
Receiving supplemental feed .....	52	59	42	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock .....	95	92	NA	NA
Ewes lambed – range flock .....	63	56	80	71
Moved to pasture .....	47	33	73	61
Receiving supplemental feed .....	42	48	31	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock .....	85	81	87	84
Sheep shorn – range flock .....	91	83	94	84

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.....	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	7	3
Short.....	4	3	36	26
Adequate.....	80	73	55	65
Surplus.....	16	24	2	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	8	5
Short.....	1	6	42	29
Adequate.....	74	71	49	63
Surplus.....	25	22	1	3

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
Poor.....	1	1	1	NA
Fair.....	23	16	22	NA
Good.....	66	74	75	NA
Excellent.....	10	9	2	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	1	1	3	NA
Fair.....	15	10	27	NA
Good.....	62	70	67	NA
Excellent.....	22	19	2	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	4	1
Poor.....	4	6	20	8
Fair.....	24	24	46	38
Good.....	52	45	25	41
Excellent.....	20	24	5	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	10	3
Poor.....	6	7	21	7
Fair.....	17	26	28	25
Good.....	62	58	31	49
Excellent.....	15	9	10	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	1
Fair.....	26	26	16	17
Good.....	55	61	76	71
Excellent.....	15	9	6	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	1	--
Fair.....	23	22	22	20
Good.....	59	65	72	72
Excellent.....	14	9	5	8

NA – not available

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