



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah had warmer temperatures along with isolated rain storms throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus fell from 16 percent last week to 13 percent. Box Elder County reports alfalfa growing with producers close to first cutting of alfalfa hay, and winter wheat crops looking good to very good in the Bear River Valley. Statewide, winter wheat condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent, compared to 40 percent rated good to excellent last year. Corn planted is at 38 percent complete with emergence at 2 percent completed. Beaver County reports corn planting was delayed due to cold wet weather. Cache County reports producers were planting corn, safflower, and spring grains. Livestock producers throughout the State were busy branding cattle and moving cattle to pasture. Statewide, cattle moved to pasture is at 53 percent and sheep moved to pasture is 69 percent, both below last year's progress. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 58 percent short, and 26 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 95 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 60 percent good and 40 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	85	69	NA	NA
Emerged	65	43	88	84
Corn				
Planted	38	21	43	50
Emerged	2	NA	NA	NA
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed	67	40	72	51
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	53	39	62	53
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – range flock	75	63	87	80
Moved to pasture	69	47	79	73
Sheep shorn – farm flock	90	85	93	89
Sheep shorn – range flock	95	91	NA	NA

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.....	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	6	3
Short.....	2	4	35	27
Adequate.....	85	80	57	65
Surplus.....	13	16	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	8	5
Short.....	4	1	42	29
Adequate.....	80	74	50	64
Surplus.....	16	25	--	2

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	--	NA
Fair.....	18	23	18	NA
Good.....	68/	66	80	NA
Excellent.....	13	10	2	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	1	3	NA
Fair.....	10	15	21	NA
Good.....	64	62	73	NA
Excellent.....	26	22	2	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	4	14	6
Fair.....	16	24	45	35
Good.....	58	52	33	46
Excellent.....	26	20	5	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	10	2
Poor.....	6	6	20	6
Fair.....	22	17	30	25
Good.....	60	62	29	51
Excellent.....	12	15	11	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	3	1	1
Fair.....	34	26	13	16
Good.....	54	55	80	70
Excellent.....	11	15	6	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	4	1	--
Fair.....	19	23	20	20
Good.....	68	59	75	73
Excellent.....	11	14	4	7

NA – not available

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