



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures along with limited precipitation occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 95 percent last week to 87 percent. Sevier County reports no shortage of irrigation water supplies with most reservoirs near capacity. Box Elder County reports livestock operators were busy branding and vaccinating calves, and that some winter wheat fields have been tilled and planted to alfalfa due to winter kill. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 40 percent complete with emergence at 10 percent complete. Beaver County reports livestock producers finishing up with calving and lambing, and farmers that have finished planting are preparing to turn on irrigation sprinklers. Livestock producers have started moving cattle and calves and sheep and lambs to pasture. Calving and lambing are 65 percent and 60 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed are 73 percent and 54 percent, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 12 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 17 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	40	25	37	51
Emerged	10	NA	11	NA
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed	15	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	65	53	80	79
Moved to pasture	5	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	73	85	78	67
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	60	49	80	72
Ewes lambed – range flock	23	15	40	39
Moved to pasture	5	NA	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock	51	30	53	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	40	19	50	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	54	62	60	57

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.....	6.7	5.4	3.3	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	4
Short.....	13	5	2	20
Adequate.....	81	87	66	61
Surplus.....	6	8	32	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	2	--	5
Short.....	19	26	4	23
Adequate.....	74	68	74	63
Surplus.....	3	4	22	9

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	2
Poor.....	12	20	15	9
Fair.....	42	33	38	43
Good.....	43	40	30	39
Excellent.....	3	6	16	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	2
Poor.....	12	12	4	8
Fair.....	38	36	24	26
Good.....	41	43	63	54
Excellent.....	6	6	9	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	5	2
Fair.....	16	15	27	19
Good.....	78	75	58	70
Excellent.....	6	10	10	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	7	2
Fair.....	25	25	22	20
Good.....	64	63	62	71
Excellent.....	9	10	9	7

NA – not available

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