



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer 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 82 percent last week to 72 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy planting corn, one to two weeks earlier than normal due to the weather. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 74 percent complete with emergence at 45 percent complete, both above last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 25 percent complete, well above last year's progress. Beaver County reports farmers were spraying alfalfa fields for aphids. Calving and lambing are both at 84 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed are at 58 percent and 40 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 73 percent and 67 percent complete, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 10 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent fair, 81 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	74	57	55	75
Emerged	45	26	33	44
Corn				
Planted	25	4	3	7
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed	30	20	22	16
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	84	75	90	90
Moved to pasture	26	14	25	28
Receiving supplemental feed	58	57	59	51
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	84	71	91	90
Ewes lambed – range flock	43	30	54	57
Moved to pasture	37	18	30	34
Sheep shorn – farm flock	73	63	79	72
Sheep shorn – range flock	67	54	81	71
Receiving supplemental feed	40	45	48	43

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.....	6.8	6.5	5.8	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	--	--	3
Short.....	27	18	3	24
Adequate.....	68	77	73	61
Surplus.....	4	5	24	12
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	1	4
Short.....	24	16	6	25
Adequate.....	70	77	71	64
Surplus.....	2	3	22	7

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
Poor.....	3	NA	1	NA
Fair.....	21	NA	16	NA
Good.....	71	NA	74	NA
Excellent.....	5	NA	9	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	5	NA	1	NA
Fair.....	28	NA	10	NA
Good.....	63	NA	70	NA
Excellent.....	4	NA	19	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	8	6	6	8
Fair.....	53	50	24	38
Good.....	35	40	45	41
Excellent.....	3	3	24	11
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	5	--	1
Poor.....	12	15	7	7
Fair.....	40	41	26	26
Good.....	39	33	58	54
Excellent.....	6	6	9	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	16	19	26	17
Good.....	76	71	61	70
Excellent.....	8	10	9	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	4	2
Fair.....	29	30	22	20
Good.....	60	56	65	68
Excellent.....	9	12	9	10

NA – not available

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