



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of 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 72 percent last week to 69 percent. Box Elder County reports good alfalfa conditions with the first cutting of alfalfa to start in the next few weeks. Farmers in the county are also preparing to turn on irrigation sprinklers next week. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 89 percent complete with emergence at 61 percent complete, both well above last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 46 percent complete with emergence at 1 percent complete, both well ahead of last year's progress. Beaver County reports farmers are starting to plant corn, and livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep out to pastures. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 34 percent and 51 percent, respectively. Calving and lambing are at 92 percent and 91 percent complete, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed are at 48 percent and 30 percent, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 19 percent fair, 76 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	89	74	66	83
Emerged	61	45	41	60
Corn				
Planted	46	25	16	21
Emerged	1	NA	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed	40	30	36	37
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	92	84	94	93
Moved to pasture	34	26	36	47
Receiving supplemental feed	48	58	52	42
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	91	84	94	NA
Ewes lambed – range flock	55	43	61	67
Moved to pasture	51	37	43	54
Sheep shorn – farm flock	82	73	84	81
Sheep shorn – range flock	73	67	89	82
Receiving supplemental feed	30	40	42	33

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	6.8	5.9	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	1	--	3
Short.....	28	27	4	21
Adequate.....	67	68	80	70
Surplus.....	2	4	16	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	4	--	5
Short.....	21	24	1	23
Adequate.....	73	70	74	65
Surplus.....	--	2	25	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
Poor.....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	20	21	23	NA
Good.....	71	71	66	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	10	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	5	1	NA
Fair.....	24	28	15	NA
Good.....	63	63	62	NA
Excellent.....	10	4	22	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	7	8	4	9
Fair.....	47	53	24	35
Good.....	44	35	52	40
Excellent.....	2	3	20	14
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	3
Poor.....	14	12	6	8
Fair.....	39	40	17	25
Good.....	36	39	62	49
Excellent.....	6	6	15	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	13	16	26	18
Good.....	79	76	55	69
Excellent.....	8	8	15	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	4	1
Fair.....	23	29	23	21
Good.....	68	60	59	69
Excellent.....	7	9	14	9

NA – not available

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