



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dryland crops, as well as pasture and range conditions, suffered due to a lack of moisture amidst more dry weather last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters noted that Beaver River Canal, which provides irrigation for a major growing area within the state, washed out below Cutler Dam. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 62 percent last week to 57 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers are starting their first cutting of alfalfa, and livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep out to pastures. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa is 2 percent complete. Statewide, barley emergence is at 81 percent complete, above last year's progress, and corn planted is currently at 73 percent complete with emergence at 27 percent complete, both well ahead of last year's progress. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 54 percent and 76 percent, respectively. Beaver County reports of cricket infestation in the alfalfa fields, and farmers have finished planting corn. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	2	--	NA	NA
Barley				
Emerged	81	71	71	85
Corn				
Planted	73	59	48	61
Emerged	27	11	13	20
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed	80	60	83	77
Winter wheat				
Headed	6	--	1	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	54	38	65	70
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock	76	65	79	84
Moved to pasture	76	60	75	79
Sheep shorn – farm flock	95	89	94	92
Sheep shorn – range flock	88	80	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.....	7.0	6.9	5.1	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	6	--	3
Short.....	35	32	6	19
Adequate.....	55	60	78	72
Surplus.....	2	2	16	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	10	--	4
Short.....	33	25	6	22
Adequate.....	57	65	81	70
Surplus.....	--	--	13	4

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	--	NA
Fair.....	17	21	10	NA
Good.....	72	71	71	NA
Excellent.....	8	5	19	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	6	--	--
Fair.....	52	58	8	10
Good.....	36	33	67	68
Excellent.....	3	3	25	22
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	5	--	NA
Fair.....	26	32	5	NA
Good.....	65	56	64	NA
Excellent.....	6	7	31	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	2	--	1
Poor.....	9	8	--	4
Fair.....	54	54	10	27
Good.....	32	36	58	50
Excellent.....	1	--	32	18
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	2
Poor.....	14	15	9	7
Fair.....	36	34	22	23
Good.....	37	41	55	53
Excellent.....	8	5	14	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair.....	14	21	25	15
Good.....	77	70	57	71
Excellent.....	8	9	18	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	3	1	--
Fair.....	25	25	11	17
Good.....	66	62	77	74
Excellent.....	7	10	11	9

NA – not available

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