



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures with limited precipitation occurred throughout the state 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 and had washed out few weeks ago below Cutler Dam, has been repaired. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 57 percent last week to 51 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa and irrigating crops. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay is 7 percent complete and 5 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, barley emergence is at 95 percent complete with 3 percent of the crop headed. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 80 percent complete with emergence at 50 percent complete, both well ahead of last year's progress, and winter wheat headed is at 21 percent complete, well above last year's progress. Reporters in Beaver County noted some damage to corn due to colder temperatures. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 68 percent and 90 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 7 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	7	2	2	4
Barley				
Emerged	95	81	82	NA
Headed	3	--	5	6
Corn				
Planted	80	73	61	76
Emerged	50	27	24	41
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	5	--	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed	95	80	97	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	21	6	6	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	68	54	81	78
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambbed – range flock	84	76	85	NA
Moved to pasture	90	76	84	85
Sheep shorn – range flock	95	88	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	7.0	2.5	5.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	percent)
Very short.....	16	8	--	2
Short.....	33	35	3	17
Adequate.....	50	55	72	73
Surplus.....	1	2	25	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	10	1	4
Short.....	31	33	5	19
Adequate.....	55	57	75	72
Surplus.....	--	--	19	5

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.....	2	3	1	NA
Fair.....	20	17	14	NA
Good.....	66	72	70	NA
Excellent.....	12	8	15	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	9	--	1
Fair.....	48	52	8	11
Good.....	40	36	59	65
Excellent.....	6	3	33	23
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	3	1	NA
Fair.....	26	26	6	NA
Good.....	64	65	58	NA
Excellent.....	6	6	35	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	1
Poor.....	11	9	--	6
Fair.....	47	54	8	24
Good.....	37	32	54	50
Excellent.....	1	1	38	19
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	5	--	3
Poor.....	16	14	10	7
Fair.....	34	36	24	21
Good.....	36	37	50	53
Excellent.....	11	8	16	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	2	1
Fair.....	14	14	18	14
Good.....	77	77	63	72
Excellent.....	7	8	17	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	1
Fair.....	26	25	14	15
Good.....	64	66	71	74
Excellent.....	8	7	14	10

NA – not available

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