



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures 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 51 percent last week to 41 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy fertilizing corn as well as irrigating other crops. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 14 percent complete and 9 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress. Statewide, barley headed is at 8 percent complete and winter wheat headed is at 39 percent complete. Corn planted is currently at 83 percent complete with emergence at 54 percent complete, both well ahead of last year's progress. Beaver County reports crickets and grasshoppers in fields, and farmers are starting their first cutting of alfalfa. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 72 percent and 95 percent, respectively. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, some central west counties are experiencing extreme drought (D2), with moderate drought (D1) throughout the rest of the state. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 6 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	14	7	6	15
Barley				
Headed	8	3	12	16
Corn				
Planted	83	80	69	85
Emerged	54	50	37	57
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	9	5	5	8
Winter wheat				
Headed	39	21	13	34
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	72	68	89	83
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – range flock	90	84	90	NA
Moved to pasture	95	90	90	91

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	6.1	4.4	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	percent)
Very short	21	16	--	3
Short	38	33	4	20
Adequate	41	50	74	71
Surplus	--	1	22	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	10	14	--	5
Short	40	31	5	21
Adequate	50	55	75	69
Surplus	--	--	20	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	2	2	NA
Fair.....	18	20	21	NA
Good.....	69	66	63	NA
Excellent.....	11	12	14	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	1	1
Fair.....	44	48	12	13
Good.....	44	40	54	63
Excellent.....	6	6	33	23
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	56	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	19	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	4	2	NA
Fair.....	18	26	8	NA
Good.....	73	64	61	NA
Excellent.....	7	6	29	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	4	--	1
Poor.....	13	11	--	6
Fair.....	40	47	10	25
Good.....	40	37	51	50
Excellent.....	2	1	39	18
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	3
Poor.....	23	16	13	8
Fair.....	36	34	26	22
Good.....	30	36	43	52
Excellent.....	8	11	18	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	9	14	24	17
Good.....	83	77	60	69
Excellent.....	6	7	15	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	25	26	22	19
Good.....	63	64	68	71
Excellent.....	10	8	10	9

NA – not available

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