



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation fell across most of the state with the exception of the southeast, with 26 of the 35 weather stations reporting measurable precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The wet conditions pushed days suitable for fieldwork back to 5.3 from 6.0 last report. Apricot bloom has slowed down slightly at 65 percent, slightly higher than the 5 year average. Wet conditions have slowed barley planting, currently at 57 percent complete, and it is still significantly behind the prior year and 5 year average. Barley emergence made significant progress from 3 to 29 percent, still well behind the 5 year average. Farmers have started to plant corn, currently at 4 percent complete. Oats progressed to 24 percent planted but are still considerably behind the 56 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5 year average. Tart cherries have started to bloom at 1 percent, well behind the 18 percent from the previous year. Cattle and sheep and lambs moved to pasture increased to 31 percent and 49 percent respectively, ahead of the previous year. Sheep receiving supplemental feed is at 42 percent, significantly lower than the 62 percent from the previous year. Cache County reports field conditions are still very muddy. Box Elder County reports that cool wet weather has pushed farmers out of the fields again, but the precipitation is making the range conditions excellent. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Apples				
Full Bloom	11	6	18	16
Apricots				
Full Bloom	65	50	58	62
Barley				
Planted.....	57	44	81	82
Emerg'd	29	3	29	47
Corn				
Planted.....	4	--	3	6
Oats				
Planted.....	24	7	56	58
Emerg'd	9	--	25	27
Peaches				
Full Bloom	50	32	31	49
Spring Wheat				
Planted.....	60	44	78	85
Emerg'd	15	5	45	54
Sweet Cherries				
Full Bloom	17	10	21	36
Tart Cherries				
Full Bloom	1	--	18	NA
Cows calved.....	88	83	92	88
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	45	63	37	NA
Cattle moved to pasture.....	31	9	24	NA
Sheep lambed				
Farm flock.....	88	85	93	86
Range flock	53	43	46	46
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	42	45	62	NA
Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture	49	30	20	11
Sheep Shorn				
Farm flock.....	56	36	68	73
Range flock	54	37	68	66

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	5.3	6.0	5.4	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	1	4
Short	6	5	17	35
Adequate.....	68	64	74	59
Surplus.....	26	31	8	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	4	5
Short	3	3	17	34
Adequate.....	80	78	77	60
Surplus.....	17	19	2	1

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)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	4	3	10
Fair.....	35	35	32	44
Good.....	52	54	55	42
Excellent.....	9	7	10	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	1
Poor.....	11	12	--	3
Fair.....	22	21	24	25
Good.....	55	56	59	55
Excellent.....	7	6	17	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	1
Fair.....	23	25	14	17
Good.....	73	70	67	69
Excellent.....	2	3	18	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	27	28	22	NA
Good.....	69	68	65	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	13	NA

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Utah’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_04232017.pdf