



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw scattered precipitation last week, and snowpack levels remain well above normal, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated surplus fell from 50 percent to 41 percent. Barley planting progress is currently at 20 percent, slightly ahead of last year. Good condition ratings for cattle and calves fell from 65 percent to 58 percent and sheep and lambs from 68 percent to 64 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 87 percent, compared to 89 percent from a year ago. Box Elder County reports conditions are starting to warm up but the ground is fairly wet and winter wheat is starting to look very green and grow rapidly. Cache County is very wet with almost no field work progress. Beaver County reports dry weather has allowed farmers to start spring work but they are still behind schedule. Iron County reports weather has warmed and ranges are starting to grow. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 35 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	20	1	16	19
Emerged	4	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	50	41	60	42
Receiving supplemental feed	87	89	89	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock	50	44	57	32
Ewes lambed – range flock	12	7	13	9
Sheep shorn – farm flock	15	NA	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	6	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	65	68	71	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	3.5	NA	5.1	4.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	10	4
Short	--	--	25	28
Adequate	59	50	59	57
Surplus	41	50	6	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	--	10	6
Short	5	1	30	27
Adequate	68	77	60	61
Surplus	26	22	--	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	8	12	4	1
Poor.....	23	14	15	11
Fair.....	38	29	51	43
Good	26	31	30	42
Excellent	5	14	--	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	7	2
Poor.....	6	9	20	7
Fair.....	26	28	47	30
Good	52	56	22	50
Excellent	16	7	4	11
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	2	1
Fair.....	32	28	27	23
Good	58	65	69	68
Excellent	3	--	2	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	6	3	1
Fair.....	28	26	33	26
Good	64	68	62	67
Excellent	1	--	2	6

NA – not available

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