



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures along with limited precipitation occurred throughout the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 83 percent last week to 79 percent. Beaver County reports indicated that producers were busy spraying alfalfa fields for weeds. Box Elder County producers were busy spraying alfalfa and winter wheat fields for weeds. Statewide, barley planted was at 69 percent complete, with 8 percent of the crop emerged. Statewide, corn planting was 6 percent complete. Cattle and calves, as well as sheep and lambs, receiving supplemental feed were at 49 percent and 55 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 28 percent and 22 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 79 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambled and range flock ewes lambled were at 73 percent and 48 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 60 percent and 44 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 22, 2024, was 117 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, compared with 10 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 22 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	69	40	15	47
Emerged	8	4	1	18
Corn				
Planted.....	6	1	2	4
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	20	15	--	17
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	79	71	82	79
Moved to pasture	28	21	17	18
Receiving supplemental feed	49	58	80	65
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – farm flock.....	73	61	74	75
Ewes lambled – range flock.....	48	38	43	41
Moved to pasture	22	16	11	21
Sheep shorn – farm flock	60	35	69	69
Sheep shorn – range flock	44	22	56	62
Receiving supplemental feed	55	50	82	55

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 fieldwork.....	6.0	5.5	4.7	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	4	--	5
Short.....	15	13	4	20
Adequate.....	65	65	57	60
Surplus.....	14	18	39	15
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	6	--	6
Short.....	9	11	3	21
Adequate.....	71	69	64	61
Surplus.....	15	14	33	12

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.....	1	NA	7	2
Poor.....	1	NA	5	4
Fair.....	25	NA	26	29
Good.....	60	NA	48	58
Excellent.....	13	NA	14	7
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	NA	10	3
Poor.....	1	NA	15	8
Fair.....	17	NA	18	25
Good.....	72	NA	48	58
Excellent.....	9	NA	9	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	11	1	6
Poor.....	12	11	9	18
Fair.....	28	37	48	46
Good.....	40	35	39	25
Excellent.....	8	6	3	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	--	12	6
Poor.....	4	11	18	15
Fair.....	19	22	35	35
Good.....	60	55	35	39
Excellent.....	15	12	--	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	3	2	1
Poor.....	3	4	10	4
Fair.....	13	12	39	28
Good.....	62	64	48	61
Excellent.....	19	17	1	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	--
Poor.....	4	4	13	5
Fair.....	20	19	47	33
Good.....	56	57	37	55
Excellent.....	18	18	1	7

NA – not available

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