



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moisture levels for topsoil were rated 70 percent very short to short compared to 28 percent on last year’s report for December, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 69 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 22 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Subsoil moisture levels were also mostly in the very short to short range with 65 percent reported in this category compared to 33 percent the previous year. Winter wheat condition rated fair to excellent increased from 67 percent on the previous report to 73 percent. Good to excellent condition ratings for cattle and calves increased from 63 percent to 64 percent and increased for sheep and lambs from 59 percent to 60 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 78 percent compared to 72 percent on the previous report. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed decreased from 64 percent on the previous report to 56 percent. In Box Elder county, reporters noted cattle producers are starting to think about hauling water where water supplies have dried up. They also noted livestock producers were giving supplemental feed to animals still on pasture. Extreme drought conditions were noted in Beaver, Box Elder, Garfield, Kane, and Sevier counties by reporters. In these counties, there were reports of water supplies running low with range and pasture conditions deteriorating. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 21 percent very short, 34 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 25, 2021; for February on Monday, February 22, 2021; and for March on Monday, March 29, 2021.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and Calves				
Cows calved	3	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	78	72	88	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed-farm flock	2	NA	NA	NA
Ewes lambed-range flock	1	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	56	64	77	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	18	22	10	NA
Short	52	59	18	NA
Adequate.....	30	19	65	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	26	32	19	NA
Short	39	40	14	NA
Adequate.....	35	28	67	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	24	29	--	NA
Poor.....	35	41	8	NA
Fair.....	33	25	45	NA
Good	7	5	47	NA
Excellent	1	--	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	8	--	NA
Poor.....	22	25	--	NA
Fair.....	58	49	66	NA
Good	15	18	34	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor	4	5	2	NA
Fair	31	31	11	NA
Good.....	61	60	72	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	15	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	3	11	1	NA
Fair	37	30	11	NA
Good.....	58	51	70	NA
Excellent.....	2	8	18	NA

NA – not available

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