



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Isolated areas throughout the state received precipitation in March, but not enough to alleviate drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor indicated 57 percent of the state was experiencing exceptional drought (D4), unchanged from February. In the rest of the state, 33 percent was experiencing extreme drought (D3), also unchanged, 7 percent was experiencing severe drought (D2) and 3 percent was experiencing moderate drought (D1). Spring planting was underway in Box Elder county and farmers sprayed and fertilized fall grains. Calving continued and branding and vaccinations were underway. In Beaver county, livestock were doing well. Fields were prepared for planting and treated for pests, though field work was slowed due to storms. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 52 percent last month to 74 percent. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 72 percent and 44 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 27 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 16 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 8 percent complete. As of March 29, 2021, snowpack in Utah was 81 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 67 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 63 percent adequate.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 5, 2021.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	4	NA	3	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	27	15	32	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	72	84	86	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock	16	13	32	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock	8	5	4	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock	16	NA	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	2	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	44	64	51	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	4	16	4	NA
Short	22	32	10	NA
Adequate	72	50	79	NA
Surplus	2	2	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	29	--	NA
Short	25	37	19	NA
Adequate	60	32	76	NA
Surplus	2	2	5	NA

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	19	28	--	NA
Poor.....	37	38	14	NA
Fair.....	42	28	35	NA
Good	2	5	48	NA
Excellent	--	1	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	6	5	3	NA
Poor.....	15	16	15	NA
Fair.....	42	55	30	NA
Good	31	21	46	NA
Excellent	6	3	6	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	4	7	--	NA
Fair.....	27	30	19	NA
Good	65	59	75	NA
Excellent	4	3	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	4	2	NA
Fair.....	38	40	27	NA
Good	54	53	63	NA
Excellent	2	3	8	NA

NA – not available

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