



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another week of dry, warm weather occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 35 percent last week to 28 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa is 3 percent complete. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 92 percent complete with emergence at 81 percent complete, both below last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 55 percent complete with emergence at 31 percent complete, both below last year's progress. Winter wheat headed is at 9 percent complete, also below last year's progress. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report very dry pasture conditions. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 64 percent and 76 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 90 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 88 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 90 percent and 85 percent complete, respectively. As of May 24, 2021, snowpack in Utah was 30 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 35 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 28 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 28 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 18 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	3	--	6	4
Barley				
Planted .....	92	85	NA	NA
Emerg'd.....	81	74	93	NA
Corn				
Planted .....	55	45	79	74
Emerg'd.....	31	17	47	37
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	80	71	93	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	9	3	19	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	90	89	NA	NA
Moved to pasture .....	64	59	66	76
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – range flock .....	88	86	83	NA
Moved to pasture .....	76	70	88	87
Sheep shorn – farm flock .....	90	85	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	85	76	94	NA

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.....	6.8	6.8	6.1	5.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	19	16	5
Short.....	49	46	33	18
Adequate.....	28	35	50	71
Surplus.....	--	--	1	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	18	14	6
Short.....	52	56	31	18
Adequate.....	24	26	55	71
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5

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	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	2	NA
Fair.....	41	36	20	NA
Good.....	50	56	66	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	12	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	6	2
Fair.....	40	34	48	16
Good.....	46	54	40	61
Excellent.....	9	9	6	21
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	12	12	4	NA
Fair.....	42	39	26	NA
Good.....	45	48	64	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	6	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	28	26	4	2
Poor.....	45	45	11	6
Fair.....	26	26	47	26
Good.....	1	3	37	49
Excellent.....	--	--	1	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	14	15	3	3
Poor.....	27	29	16	10
Fair.....	39	36	34	25
Good.....	14	14	36	48
Excellent.....	6	6	11	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	--
Poor.....	6	6	1	1
Fair.....	30	25	14	14
Good.....	59	64	77	73
Excellent.....	4	4	7	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	10	8	2	1
Fair.....	36	31	26	18
Good.....	51	60	64	72
Excellent.....	3	--	8	9

NA – not available

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