



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Dryland crops, as well as pasture and range conditions, suffered due to a lack of moisture amidst more dry weather last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 62 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 28 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased only from 28 percent last week to 32 percent. Beaver County reports farmers were busy harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 8 percent complete and 2 percent complete, respectively, both below last year's progress. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 96 percent complete with emergence at 85 percent complete, both below last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 70 percent complete with emergence at 45 percent complete. Winter wheat headed is at 28 percent complete, also below last year's progress. Beaver County reports livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep out to pastures later than normal due to poor range conditions. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 71 percent and 87 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 95 percent complete and range flock ewes lambled were 91 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 95 percent and 90 percent complete, respectively. As of June 1, 2021, snowpack in Utah was 20 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 37 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 30 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 33 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 20 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 45 percent poor, 36 percent fair, and 13 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 .....	8	3	13	14
Barley				
Planted .....	96	92	NA	NA
Emerged.....	85	81	NA	NA
Headed.....	3	NA	7	12
Corn				
Planted .....	70	55	83	84
Emerged.....	45	31	53	54
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	2	--	8	7
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	95	80	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed .....	28	9	36	27
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	90	NA	NA
Moved to pasture .....	71	64	71	82
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – range flock .....	91	88	89	NA
Moved to pasture .....	87	76	94	92
Sheep shorn – farm flock .....	95	90	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	90	85	NA	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.....	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	23	23	21	7
Short.....	45	49	38	23
Adequate.....	32	28	41	65
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	25	24	10	6
Short.....	45	52	40	23
Adequate.....	30	24	50	67
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4

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	6	2	NA
Fair.....	32	41	18	NA
Good.....	59	50	69	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	11	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	6	2
Fair.....	35	40	44	18
Good.....	49	46	44	60
Excellent.....	10	9	6	20
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	14	12	2	NA
Fair.....	36	42	18	NA
Good.....	49	45	73	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	27	28	5	2
Poor.....	42	45	13	8
Fair.....	30	26	40	26
Good.....	1	1	40	48
Excellent.....	--	--	2	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	11	14	3	4
Poor.....	36	27	23	13
Fair.....	35	39	36	26
Good.....	12	14	30	44
Excellent.....	6	6	8	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	--
Poor.....	2	6	1	1
Fair.....	29	30	9	15
Good.....	63	59	83	72
Excellent.....	5	4	6	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	10	2	1
Fair.....	34	36	25	22
Good.....	57	51	63	68
Excellent.....	3	3	10	9

NA – not available

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