



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Temperatures remained cool and scattered precipitation was noted in parts of 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 increased from 64 percent last week to 66 percent. Box Elder County reports producers are preparing to plant corn and received moisture was beneficial to seeded crops. Reports noted that very cold temperatures severely damaged blooming fruit trees in the county. Millard County reports noted cold weather inhibited alfalfa growth, but soil moisture supplies were adequate. Iron County reports producers resumed fieldwork under drier conditions last week and irrigation sprinklers were running. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 51 percent complete with 17 percent emerged. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 58 percent and 54 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 74 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 67 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 36 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 71 percent and 68 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports livestock operators were branding and vaccinating calves prior to pasture turnout. Box Elder and Millard Counties report range sheep continued to be shorn and lambing progressed. As of April 18, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 76 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 40 percent very short, 37 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus compared to 38 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 24 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 35 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus compared to 5 percent very short, 36 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 46 percent fair, and 14 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	51	28	47	49
Emerg'd.....	17	3	11	15
Corn				
Planted.....	2	--	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloom'd.....	19	10	17	9
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	74	69	67	78
Moved to pasture.....	21	10	7	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	58	59	74	63
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lamb'd – farm flock.....	67	57	60	77
Ewes lamb'd – range flock.....	36	27	28	40
Moved to pasture.....	30	11	11	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	71	66	53	55
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	68	30	46	50
Receiving supplemental feed.....	54	60	58	52

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	5.0	6.3	5.9	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	2	13	4
Short	30	34	33	18
Adequate	66	64	54	65
Surplus.....	--	--	--	13
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	10	18	6
Short	30	36	32	19
Adequate	65	54	50	66
Surplus.....	1	--	--	9

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	4	28	7
Poor	21	23	34	13
Fair.....	62	64	30	41
Good	14	9	8	32
Excellent	--	--	--	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	3	10	6
Poor	7	7	25	17
Fair.....	46	42	34	28
Good	40	43	28	42
Excellent	5	5	3	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	4	6	8	3
Fair.....	31	31	34	24
Good	55	59	55	67
Excellent	9	4	3	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	4	6	3
Fair.....	34	43	44	29
Good	57	51	46	62
Excellent	7	2	4	6

NA – not available

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