



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures along with limited precipitation 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 increased from 60 percent last week to 65 percent. Beaver County reports farmers are starting to plant alfalfa and corn. Box Elder County reports producers are busy planting corn. Iron County reports noted another week of winds and irrigation sprinklers were running. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 72 percent complete with 31 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 10 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 45 percent and 46 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were both at 36 percent. Cows calved were 86 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 86 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 65 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 84 percent and 83 percent complete, respectively. As of May 2, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 66 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Beaver County reports short irrigation water supplies. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 34 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 26 percent adequate, compared to 33 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 28 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 34 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus, compared to 4 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 64 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 13 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 16 percent good, and 2 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	72	67	69	75
Emerged.....	31	23	37	48
Corn				
Planted.....	10	3	15	19
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	40	25	39	34
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	86	82	81	90
Moved to pasture.....	45	36	30	37
Receiving supplemental feed.....	36	50	63	49
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	86	77	81	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	65	52	62	64
Moved to pasture.....	46	40	36	49
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	84	79	70	77
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	83	77	64	74
Receiving supplemental feed.....	36	41	76	42

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	6.5	5.5	5.8	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	10	10	4
Short	31	30	45	24
Adequate	65	58	45	67
Surplus.....	--	2	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	5	16	6
Short	33	35	43	22
Adequate	63	58	41	65
Surplus.....	--	2	--	7

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	3	2	4	NA
Fair.....	42	45	38	NA
Good	48	44	56	NA
Excellent	7	9	2	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	1	2	--	NA
Poor	13	8	6	NA
Fair.....	41	36	33	NA
Good	45	54	60	NA
Excellent	--	--	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	3	26	6
Poor	21	24	39	14
Fair.....	58	61	31	34
Good	17	12	4	34
Excellent	--	--	--	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	14	6
Poor	11	7	34	16
Fair.....	44	44	36	30
Good	34	42	13	38
Excellent	9	5	3	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	2	3	3	2
Fair.....	26	30	31	20
Good	64	59	59	70
Excellent	8	8	6	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	4	2
Fair.....	30	27	43	27
Good	54	60	50	65
Excellent	14	11	3	6

NA – not available

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