



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler morning 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 decreased from 65 percent last week to 58 percent. Beaver County reports producers are busy planting corn and repairing irrigation equipment. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy irrigating winter wheat, applying fertilizer, and spraying for weeds. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 81 percent complete with 41 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 32 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 55 percent and 58 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 33 percent and 27 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 91 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 91 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 80 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were both at 90 percent complete. As of May 9, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 60 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report livestock operators were branding and vaccinating calves prior to pasture turnout. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 43 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 23 percent adequate, compared to 34 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 26 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 41 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus, compared to 3 percent very short, 34 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 9 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 6 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	81	72	78	NA
Emerged.....	41	31	55	64
Corn				
Planted.....	32	10	31	35
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	49	40	57	55
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	91	86	86	NA
Moved to pasture.....	55	45	43	51
Receiving supplemental feed.....	33	36	57	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	91	86	90	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	80	65	73	73
Moved to pasture.....	58	46	54	64
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	90	84	78	85
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	90	83	72	NA
Receiving supplemental feed.....	27	36	45	NA

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	5.9	6.5	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	4	14	5
Short	39	31	46	26
Adequate	58	65	40	65
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	4	16	7
Short	41	33	50	26
Adequate	54	63	34	63
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4

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	1	--	1	NA
Poor	3	3	6	NA
Fair.....	40	42	34	NA
Good	52	48	59	NA
Excellent	4	7	--	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	2	1	3	NA
Poor	4	13	10	NA
Fair.....	47	41	30	NA
Good	47	45	56	NA
Excellent	--	--	1	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	4	27	6
Poor	26	21	44	13
Fair.....	57	58	26	33
Good	14	17	3	36
Excellent	--	--	--	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	18	7
Poor	18	11	25	14
Fair.....	47	44	39	32
Good	28	34	15	38
Excellent	5	9	3	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	2	2	4	1
Fair.....	22	26	28	22
Good	70	64	63	68
Excellent	6	8	4	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	2	8	3
Fair.....	24	30	37	27
Good	63	54	55	64
Excellent	12	14	--	6

NA – not available

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