



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures along with high winds and 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 58 percent last week to 53 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers will begin their first cutting of alfalfa within the next few weeks, and there were reports of onion damage due to windy conditions. Carbon County reports noted extremely high winds and short alfalfa stands due to lack of moisture. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 92 percent complete with 63 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 44 percent complete, with emergence at 2 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 65 percent and 70 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 95 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 95 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 92 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were both at 95 percent complete. As of May 16, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 60 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Beaver and Iron Counties report pasture and range conditions suffered due to a lack of moisture amidst dry weather. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 50 percent very short, 32 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 43 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 23 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 45 percent adequate, compared to 4 percent very short, 41 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 49 percent fair, and 12 percent good, compared to 9 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 18 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.....	92	81	84	NA
Emerged.....	63	41	72	77
Corn				
Planted.....	44	32	43	54
Emerged.....	2	--	15	15
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	54	49	69	72
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	3	--	3	2
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	91	89	NA
Moved to pasture.....	65	55	57	63
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	95	91	94	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	92	80	84	82
Moved to pasture.....	70	58	68	76
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	95	90	84	91
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	95	90	76	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.....	6.9	5.9	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	3	19	7
Short	40	39	46	27
Adequate	53	58	35	62
Surplus.....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	9	5	18	7
Short	46	41	56	28
Adequate	45	54	26	62
Surplus.....	--	--	--	3

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	2	1	1	NA
Poor	8	3	5	NA
Fair.....	33	40	36	NA
Good	54	52	56	NA
Excellent	3	4	2	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	1	2	1	NA
Poor	4	4	12	NA
Fair.....	39	47	39	NA
Good	56	47	48	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	26	7
Poor	26	26	45	13
Fair.....	55	57	26	29
Good	16	14	3	38
Excellent	--	--	--	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	15	6
Poor	24	18	29	15
Fair.....	47	47	36	30
Good	22	28	14	39
Excellent	5	5	6	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	3	2	6	2
Fair.....	28	22	25	17
Good	66	70	64	72
Excellent	3	6	4	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	3	1	8	2
Fair.....	22	24	31	22
Good	71	63	60	70
Excellent	4	12	--	6

NA – not available

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