



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of dry, warm weather 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 53 percent last week to 45 percent. Box Elder, Carbon, and Iron Counties reported that soil conditions suffered due to a lack of moisture amidst dry weather. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy irrigating winter wheat. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 2 percent complete and 4 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 96 percent complete with 77 percent emerged, and corn planted is currently at 64 percent complete, with emergence at 22 percent complete. Winter wheat headed is at 14 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 74 percent and 84 percent complete, respectively. Range flock ewes lambing were 95 percent complete. As of May 23, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 62 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 47 percent very short, 30 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 50 percent very short, 32 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 39 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 7 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 45 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 11 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 53 percent fair, and 15 percent good, compared to 10 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 49 percent fair, and 12 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	2	--	3	3
Barley				
Planted.....	96	92	91	NA
Emerged.....	77	63	80	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	64	44	54	67
Emerged.....	22	2	29	33
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	4	--	--	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	68	54	79	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	14	3	8	12
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	74	65	63	73
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	95	92	88	NA
Moved to pasture.....	84	70	75	84

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.....	6.8	6.9	6.8	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	7	23	10
Short	46	40	49	26
Adequate	45	53	28	59
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	9	24	10
Short	45	46	52	25
Adequate	41	45	24	61
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	--	2	1	NA
Poor	6	8	6	NA
Fair.....	36	33	41	NA
Good	53	54	50	NA
Excellent	5	3	2	NA
Barley				
Very poor	--	NA	--	--
Poor	4	NA	5	3
Fair.....	37	NA	40	23
Good	55	NA	46	55
Excellent	4	NA	9	19
Other hay				
Very poor	4	1	1	NA
Poor	10	4	12	NA
Fair.....	39	39	42	NA
Good	47	56	45	NA
Excellent	--	--	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	6	3	28	7
Poor	30	26	45	15
Fair.....	46	55	26	27
Good	18	16	1	39
Excellent	--	--	--	12
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	14	6
Poor	17	24	27	16
Fair.....	44	47	39	29
Good	30	22	14	38
Excellent	7	5	6	11
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	3	6	2
Fair.....	20	28	30	18
Good	73	66	59	71
Excellent	6	3	4	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	3	10	3
Fair.....	20	22	36	22
Good	70	71	51	68
Excellent	9	4	3	7

NA – not available

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