



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Moisture levels for topsoil were rated 88 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 92 percent on November 26, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Subsoil moisture levels improved compared with the previous report. Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, and Grand Counties noted mild warm weather along with limited moisture. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was 65 percent, compared with 41 percent on the previous report. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed was 54 percent, compared with 39 percent on the previous report. Beaver and Box Elders Counties noted that livestock producers were still grazing cattle instead of feeding hay due to mild weather. Box Elder County reported a lack of snow cover for winter wheat before upcoming colder weather. As of January 2, 2024, snowpack in Utah was 68 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus on November 26. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on January 29, 2024; for February on February 26, 2024; and for March on March 25, 2024.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	1	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	65	41	60	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	54	39	50	NA

NA – not available
(-) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	5	--	--	NA
Short	7	8	7	NA
Adequate	77	73	65	NA
Surplus	11	19	28	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	--	--	NA
Short	10	12	8	NA
Adequate	79	71	65	NA
Surplus	10	17	27	NA

NA – not available
(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	--	11	NA
Poor	1	3	17	NA
Fair.....	12	20	70	NA
Good.....	85	68	2	NA
Excellent	2	9	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	2	--	NA
Poor	--	11	10	NA
Fair.....	24	38	22	NA
Good.....	68	39	58	NA
Excellent	8	10	10	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	1	1	NA
Fair.....	10	6	15	NA
Good.....	75	73	71	NA
Excellent	15	20	13	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	1	6	NA
Fair.....	15	9	34	NA
Good.....	67	55	57	NA
Excellent	18	35	3	NA

NA – not available

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