



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer weather along with snowstorms occurred throughout the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus were unchanged from last week at 100 percent. Box Elder County reports water standing in crop fields with no small grain planting for another few weeks, and onion planting delayed for another month. Grand County reported fields were drying out with farmers beginning spring planting. Statewide, barley planted was at 7 percent complete, below last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 1 percent complete. Beaver County reported livestock producers continued feeding cattle due to the heavy snowpack. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were both at 86 percent. Cows calved were 78 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing were 65 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 36 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 63 percent and 44 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 17, 2023, was 223 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 18 percent very short, 44 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 19 percent very short, 43 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 11 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 42 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Barley | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Planted..... | 7 | 5 | 48 | 48 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted..... | 1 | -- | 2 | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 78 | 63 | 73 | 75 |
| Moved to pasture | 10 | 1 | 19 | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 86 | 89 | 58 | 66 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambing – farm flock..... | 65 | 54 | 66 | 72 |
| Ewes lambing – range flock..... | 36 | 29 | 35 | 37 |
| Moved to pasture | 6 | -- | 27 | NA |
| Sheep shorn – farm flock | 63 | 54 | 70 | 59 |
| Sheep shorn – range flock | 44 | 25 | 63 | 53 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 86 | 88 | 54 | 55 |

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 4.7 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 4 | 5 |
| Short..... | -- | -- | 30 | 22 |
| Adequate..... | 52 | 43 | 66 | 65 |
| Surplus..... | 48 | 57 | -- | 8 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 4 | 7 |
| Short..... | 2 | 4 | 30 | 25 |
| Adequate..... | 56 | 52 | 65 | 62 |
| Surplus..... | 42 | 44 | 1 | 6 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Poor..... | 14 | 23 | 21 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 46 | 39 | 62 | 47 |
| Good..... | 38 | 37 | 14 | 24 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | -- | -- | 5 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 12 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| Poor..... | 22 | 26 | 7 | 16 |
| Fair..... | 39 | 48 | 46 | 34 |
| Good..... | 26 | 17 | 40 | 39 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| Poor..... | 13 | 13 | 4 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 38 | 35 | 31 | 25 |
| Good..... | 46 | 49 | 55 | 65 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 14 | 19 | 2 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 56 | 59 | 34 | 30 |
| Good..... | 28 | 19 | 57 | 60 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero