



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold winter temperatures along with snowstorms has delayed fieldwork throughout the State for the month of March, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 99 percent last month to 100 percent. Box Elder County reports livestock producers continued feeding cattle due to the cold winter weather. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed are at 92 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report livestock producers were dealing with calving issues due to the wet winter weather. Cows calved were 26 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 23 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 7 percent complete. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of March 27, 2023, was 194 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 34 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 39 percent short and 59 percent adequate last report. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent short and 92 percent adequate last report.

Note: The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 3, 2023.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	26	8	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	92	87	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock	23	12	NA	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock	7	--	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – farm flock	16	NA	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	1	NA	NA	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	86	84	NA	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	NA	NA
Short	--	1	NA	NA
Adequate	48	77	NA	NA
Surplus	52	22	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	NA	NA
Short	2	1	NA	NA
Adequate	70	99	NA	NA
Surplus	28	--	NA	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Poor.....	25	10	NA	NA
Fair.....	42	59	NA	NA
Good.....	28	29	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	--	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poo.....	11	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	66	28	NA	NA
Goo.....	22	66	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	16	8	NA	NA
Fai.....	38	50	NA	NA
Good.....	45	42	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	20	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	47	53	NA	NA
Good.....	32	41	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	NA	NA

NA – not available

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