



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold 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. Beaver County reported fields were drying out with farmers beginning spring planting. Box Elder County reported fields were melting with no planting for another few weeks. Statewide, barley planted was at 5 percent complete, below last year’s progress. Beaver County reported livestock producers were feeding cattle due to the heavy snowpack. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 89 percent and 88 percent, respectively. Box Elder and Sevier Counties reported livestock producers dealing with many calf losses due to previous snowstorms. Cows calved were 63 percent complete. Sevier County reported livestock producers were dealing with lamb losses due to previous snowstorms. Farm flock ewes lambing were 54 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 29 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 54 percent and 25 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 10, 2023, was 220 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 43 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent very short, 41 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley | | | | |
| Planted..... | 5 | 1 | 26 | 35 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Cows calved..... | 63 | 48 | 67 | 66 |
| Moved to pasture | 1 | NA | NA | NA |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 89 | 93 | 59 | 73 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambing – farm flock | 54 | 41 | 55 | 60 |
| Ewes lambing – range flock | 29 | 20 | 26 | 27 |
| Sheep shorn – farm flock | 54 | 25 | 62 | 44 |
| Sheep shorn – range flock | 25 | 5 | 28 | 31 |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 88 | 90 | 60 | 64 |

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..... | 1.6 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 2 | 4 |
| Short..... | -- | -- | 34 | 20 |
| Adequate..... | 43 | 42 | 64 | 67 |
| Surplus..... | 57 | 58 | -- | 9 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 10 | 9 |
| Short..... | 4 | 2 | 36 | 24 |
| Adequate..... | 52 | 61 | 54 | 62 |
| Surplus..... | 44 | 37 | -- | 5 |

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 | 4 | 7 |
| Poor..... | 23 | 25 | 23 | 18 |
| Fair..... | 39 | 46 | 64 | 48 |
| Good..... | 37 | 28 | 9 | 23 |
| Excellent..... | -- | -- | -- | 4 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Poor..... | 26 | 20 | 7 | 12 |
| Fair..... | 48 | 57 | 42 | 34 |
| Good..... | 17 | 15 | 43 | 44 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 13 | 15 | 6 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 35 | 37 | 31 | 24 |
| Good..... | 49 | 45 | 59 | 66 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 19 | 20 | 4 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 59 | 54 | 43 | 29 |
| Good..... | 19 | 23 | 51 | 61 |
| Excellent..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero