



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
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
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

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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

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