



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Colder temperatures with snow cover remained in many of the higher elevations, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus were at 96 percent and 4 percent at short, compared to 100 percent rated adequate to surplus last week. Livestock producers in Northern Utah reported difficulties with calving and lambing due to the snowstorms that went through last week. In other areas the fields were drying and planting was underway for areas with more favorable conditions. Onion producers may consider planting other crops due to the late start to planting. Warmer conditions in Southern Utah helped spring field work and producers were able to start irrigating. Statewide, barley planted was currently at 18 percent complete with 1 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted was currently at 3 percent complete. Cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was at 80 percent, while sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed was at 82 percent. Cows calved were 83 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing were 78 percent complete and range flock ewes lambing were 46 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 72 percent and 61 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 24, 2023, was 249 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 42 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 18 percent very short, 44 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 45 percent excellent, compared with 11 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 42 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	18	7	65	63
Emerged	1	--	22	28
Corn				
Planted.....	3	1	3	5
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	83	78	81	82
Moved to pasture	20	10	34	21
Receiving supplemental feed	80	86	50	59
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock	78	65	76	80
Ewes lambing – range flock	46	36	50	49
Moved to pasture	13	6	39	29
Sheep shorn – farm flock	72	63	78	71
Sheep shorn – range flock	61	44	76	67
Receiving supplemental feed	82	86	41	46

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	4.7	5.5	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	10	6
Short.....	4	--	30	27
Adequate.....	57	52	58	60
Surplus.....	39	48	2	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	5	7
Short.....	3	2	35	30
Adequate.....	64	56	58	58
Surplus.....	33	42	2	5

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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	7	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	5	NA	2	NA
Fair.....	26	NA	45	NA
Good.....	48	NA	44	NA
Excellent.....	14	NA	9	NA
Other hay				
Very poor.....	10	NA	2	NA
Poor.....	15	NA	8	NA
Fair.....	18	NA	36	NA
Good.....	48	NA	54	NA
Excellent.....	9	NA	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	6
Poor.....	9	14	24	18
Fair.....	48	46	61	46
Good.....	39	38	12	24
Excellent.....	3	1	--	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	12	12	2	4
Poor.....	18	22	7	15
Fair.....	35	39	44	34
Good.....	35	26	42	40
Excellent.....	--	1	5	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	10	13	3	3
Fair.....	39	38	30	22
Good.....	48	46	59	66
Excellent.....	1	1	8	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	13	14	2	3
Fair.....	47	56	27	27
Good.....	37	28	60	61
Excellent.....	1	1	11	9

NA – not available

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