



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another week of warmer temperatures along with limited precipitation allowed farmers to continue planting spring crops throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 90 percent last week to 93 percent. Box Elder County reported producers were finally starting to plant barley, corn, onions, and spring wheat. Summit County reported water standing in crop fields with barley planting delayed for another week. Statewide, barley planted advanced to 50 percent complete with 9 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted was currently at 28 percent complete. Summit County reported range sheep were moved to pasture. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 39 percent and 41 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 62 percent and 42 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 92 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing were 89 percent complete and range flock ewes lambing were 66 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 84 percent and 77 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of May 8, 2023, was 273 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 37 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent very short, 40 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 4 percent good, 53 percent good, and 43 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 55 percent good, and 44 percent excellent last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	50	28	80	NA
Emerged .....	9	4	40	58
Corn				
Planted.....	28	8	29	33
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	1	--	48	52
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	92	88	90	NA
Moved to pasture .....	39	32	54	46
Receiving supplemental feed .....	62	73	33	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	89	88	90	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	66	54	78	72
Moved to pasture .....	41	26	56	59
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	84	78	89	85
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	77	69	89	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	42	73	27	NA

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.....	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	3	6
Short.....	6	9	39	31
Adequate.....	62	60	58	60
Surplus.....	31	30	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	5	8
Short.....	4	5	41	32
Adequate.....	62	66	54	57
Surplus.....	34	29	--	3

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.....	2	8	1	--
Poor.....	2	3	3	3
Fair.....	24	26	40	26
Good.....	60	51	52	66
Excellent.....	12	12	4	5
Other hay				
Very poor.....	3	9	2	1
Poor.....	7	16	4	4
Fair.....	33	25	47	28
Good.....	52	43	47	60
Excellent.....	5	7	--	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	3	7
Poor.....	8	6	26	18
Fair.....	34	43	57	40
Good.....	55	48	14	29
Excellent.....	2	3	--	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	6	6	2	7
Poor.....	9	11	18	17
Fair.....	44	41	47	34
Good.....	37	37	28	35
Excellent.....	4	5	5	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	--
Poor.....	10	10	2	2
Fair.....	27	31	22	24
Good.....	60	55	70	67
Excellent.....	3	2	6	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	3	--	--
Poor.....	13	13	1	3
Fair.....	48	41	24	25
Good.....	37	42	63	65
Excellent.....	--	1	12	7

NA – not available

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