



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Field work was progressing with warm temperatures and little precipitation 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 decreased from 90 percent last week to 84 percent. Several counties reported producers planting corn, safflower and other spring crops, while gearing up to start harvesting the first cutting of hay. In some areas irrigation ditches will have to be repaired due to warm temperatures and the large amount of runoff. Statewide, barley planted advanced to 95 percent complete with 55 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted was 56 percent complete with 17 percent emerged. Livestock producers continue to deal with damaged pastures and roads from the runoff. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 60 percent and 63 percent, respectively. Farm flock ewes lambing were 91 percent complete and range flock ewes lambing were 79 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 89 percent and 82 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of May 22, 2023, was 310 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 44 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 46 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 50 percent excellent, compared with 10 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 46 percent excellent last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	95	73	95	NA
Emerged .....	55	27	75	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	56	38	61	62
Emerged .....	17	1	19	28
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	30	4	66	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture .....	60	49	73	69
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	91	90	NA	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	79	73	95	87
Moved to pasture .....	63	51	82	81
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	89	87	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	82	79	NA	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.....	7.0	6.6	6.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	9	12
Short.....	14	9	46	32
Adequate.....	66	63	45	51
Surplus.....	18	27	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	14	13
Short.....	10	4	45	32
Adequate.....	67	70	41	51
Surplus.....	22	25	--	4

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.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	6	3
Fair.....	22	17	36	26
Good.....	62	69	53	63
Excellent.....	13	11	5	8
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	2	4	1
Poor.....	3	8	10	6
Fair.....	39	34	39	27
Good.....	50	50	47	56
Excellent.....	7	6	--	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	1	6	9
Poor.....	7	4	30	20
Fair.....	29	32	46	34
Good.....	56	58	18	29
Excellent.....	6	5	--	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	9	2	6
Poor.....	11	15	17	18
Fair.....	31	38	44	35
Good.....	41	35	30	31
Excellent.....	9	3	7	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	8	1	2
Fair.....	27	26	20	19
Good.....	60	61	73	70
Excellent.....	9	3	6	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	3	--	--
Poor.....	10	16	1	3
Fair.....	44	39	20	23
Good.....	39	41	70	66
Excellent.....	2	1	9	8

NA – not available

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