



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Moisture levels for topsoil were rated 82 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 86 percent on November 24, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Subsoil moisture levels also decreased from the previous report. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for December 31, 2024, drought conditions were present across 21 percent of the State, up 2 percentage points from November 19. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 67 percent of the State, down 11 percentage points from November 19. Moderate drought conditions sat at 19 percent of the State, up 1 percentage point from November 19. Severe drought conditions sat at 2 percent, unchanged from November 19. Cache County reports noted more snow was received in the mountains during December compared to lower elevations. Duchesne, Grand, and Washington Counties noted conditions were mild, warm, and abnormally dry during December with limited winter moisture received. In Grand County, concerns regarding alfalfa aphids were reported. Statewide, the percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed was 56 percent, compared with 35 percent on the previous report. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed was 62 percent, compared with 34 percent on the previous report. Duchesne County reports noted cattle and sheep remained on pasture with little supplemental feed needed. As of January 6, 2025, snowpack in Utah was 99 percent measured as percent of median snowfall, according to Natural Resources Conservation service.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 8 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus on November 24. Stock water supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus.

**Note:** Monthly reports will be released for January on February 3, 2025; for February on March 3, 2025; and for March on March 31, 2025.

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved .....	1	NA	1	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	56	35	65	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – farm flock .....	2	NA	--	NA
Ewes lambled – range flock .....	1	NA	--	NA
Receiving supplemental feed .....	62	34	54	NA

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short .....	8	1	5	NA
Short .....	10	13	7	NA
Adequate .....	82	85	77	NA
Surplus .....	--	1	11	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	7	3	1	NA
Short .....	28	26	10	NA
Adequate .....	63	70	79	NA
Surplus .....	2	1	10	NA

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	NA
Poor .....	3	3	1	NA
Fair.....	23	14	12	NA
Good.....	57	69	85	NA
Excellent .....	16	14	2	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	1	--	NA
Fair.....	29	3	24	NA
Good.....	71	77	68	NA
Excellent .....	--	19	8	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	NA
Poor .....	2	1	--	NA
Fair.....	8	1	10	NA
Good.....	84	78	75	NA
Excellent .....	5	20	15	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	NA
Poor .....	2	1	--	NA
Fair.....	4	3	15	NA
Good.....	87	80	67	NA
Excellent .....	6	16	18	NA

NA – not available

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