



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF MARCH 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Mild winter temperatures along with snowstorms occurred throughout the State for the month of March, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 83 percent last month to 88 percent. Spring planting was under way in Beaver and Cache Counties prompted by mild winter weather. Statewide, barley planted was at 1 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed are at 75 percent and 84 percent, respectively. Beaver, Box Elder, Grand, and Millard Counties noted that livestock producers had not faced any calving or lambing issues due to mild winter weather. Cows calved were 23 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambbed, and range flock ewes lambbed at 21 percent and 8 percent, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of March 25, 2024, was 125 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 9 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 7 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus last report. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 83 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last report.

**Note:** The first weekly report will be released on Monday, April 1, 2024.

### CROPS AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                         | Current report<br>(percent) | Previous report<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Barley                            |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Planted.....                      | 1                           | NA                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Cattle and calves                 |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Cows calved.....                  | 23                          | 10                           | 26                         | NA                          |
| Receiving supplemental feed ..... | 75                          | 89                           | 92                         | NA                          |
| Sheep and lambs                   |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Ewes lambbed – farm flock .....   | 21                          | 5                            | 23                         | NA                          |
| Ewes lambbed – range flock .....  | 8                           | 5                            | 7                          | NA                          |
| Sheep shorn – farm flock .....    | 1                           | NA                           | 16                         | NA                          |
| Sheep shorn – range flock .....   | 1                           | NA                           | 1                          | NA                          |
| Receiving supplemental feed ..... | 84                          | 89                           | 86                         | NA                          |

NA – not available

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### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity        | Current report<br>(percent) | Previous report<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Topsoil moisture |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very short ..... | 2                           | 5                            | --                         | NA                          |
| Short .....      | 10                          | 12                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Adequate .....   | 76                          | 74                           | 48                         | NA                          |
| Surplus .....    | 12                          | 9                            | 52                         | NA                          |
| Subsoil moisture |                             |                              |                            |                             |
| Very short ..... | --                          | --                           | --                         | NA                          |
| Short .....      | 6                           | 11                           | 2                          | NA                          |
| Adequate .....   | 82                          | 80                           | 70                         | NA                          |
| Surplus .....    | 12                          | 9                            | 28                         | NA                          |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

|                          | Current report | Previous report | Previous year | 5-year average |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                          | (percent)      | (percent)       | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| <b>Pasture and range</b> |                |                 |               |                |
| Very poor.....           | --             | --              | 1             | NA             |
| Poor.....                | 6              | 18              | 25            | NA             |
| Fair.....                | 50             | 37              | 42            | NA             |
| Good.....                | 42             | 42              | 28            | NA             |
| Excellent.....           | 2              | 3               | 4             | NA             |
| <b>Winter wheat</b>      |                |                 |               |                |
| Very poor.....           | --             | --              | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                | 8              | 8               | 11            | NA             |
| Fair.....                | 20             | 14              | 66            | NA             |
| Good.....                | 57             | 69              | 22            | NA             |
| Excellent.....           | 15             | 9               | 1             | NA             |
| <b>Cattle and calves</b> |                |                 |               |                |
| Very poor.....           | --             | --              | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                | 7              | 7               | 16            | NA             |
| Fair.....                | 14             | 17              | 38            | NA             |
| Good.....                | 69             | 66              | 45            | NA             |
| Excellent.....           | 10             | 10              | 1             | NA             |
| <b>Sheep and lambs</b>   |                |                 |               |                |
| Very poor.....           | --             | --              | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....                | 5              | 11              | 20            | NA             |
| Fair.....                | 19             | 21              | 47            | NA             |
| Good.....                | 60             | 54              | 32            | NA             |
| Excellent.....           | 16             | 14              | 1             | NA             |

NA – not available

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