



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with rain and snowstorms delayed planting throughout the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 88 percent last report to 91 percent. Box Elder County reports onions planting was delayed by another week. Grand County reports farmers have turned irrigation sprinklers on alfalfa fields. Statewide, barley planted was at 5 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 71 percent and 85 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 38 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambled and range flock ewes lambled were at 32 percent and 16 percent, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 1, 2024, was 131 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent very short, 9 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus last report. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last report.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	5	1	1	10
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	38	23	42	42
Receiving supplemental feed	71	75	93	80
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – farm flock	32	21	36	37
Ewes lambled – range flock	16	8	16	12
Sheep shorn – farm flock	9	1	22	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	9	1	4	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	85	84	90	66

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.1	NA	2.1	4.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	2	--	2
Short	7	10	--	12
Adequate	73	76	42	65
Surplus	18	12	58	21
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	--	4
Short	5	6	2	20
Adequate	81	82	61	63
Surplus	14	12	37	13

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	7
Poor.....	6	6	25	27
Fair.....	55	50	46	42
Good.....	37	42	28	22
Excellent.....	2	2	--	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	7	3
Poor.....	8	8	20	14
Fair.....	25	20	57	42
Good.....	52	57	15	34
Excellent.....	15	15	1	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	5	7	15	7
Fair.....	13	14	37	31
Good.....	73	69	45	57
Excellent.....	9	10	1	4
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	3	5	20	8
Fair.....	17	19	54	36
Good.....	64	60	23	51
Excellent.....	16	16	1	5

NA – not available

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