



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures along with snowstorms occurred 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 decreased from 87 percent last week to 83 percent. Beaver County reports indicated producers were preparing to plant alfalfa. Box Elder County reported fields were drying out, allowing farmers to begin spring planting. Statewide, barley planted was at 40 percent complete, with 4 percent of the crop emerged. Statewide, corn planting was 1 percent complete. Cattle and calves, as well as sheep and lambs, receiving supplemental feed were at 58 percent and 50 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 21 percent and 16 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 71 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambled and range flock ewes lambled were at 61 percent and 38 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 35 percent and 22 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 15, 2024, was 127 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 22 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 77 percent good, and 18 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	40	16	6	35
Emerged	4	1	--	9
Corn				
Planted.....	1	--	1	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	15	6	--	8
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	71	59	74	72
Moved to pasture	21	9	7	8
Receiving supplemental feed	58	59	86	71
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – farm flock.....	61	47	62	66
Ewes lambled – range flock.....	38	27	34	31
Moved to pasture	16	5	4	10
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	35	27	60	58
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	22	17	39	46
Receiving supplemental feed	50	38	86	61

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.....	5.5	4.6	4.7	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	--	3
Short.....	13	9	--	17
Adequate.....	65	74	52	63
Surplus.....	18	13	48	17
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	4	--	5
Short.....	11	8	2	17
Adequate.....	69	78	56	64
Surplus.....	14	10	42	14

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	8	1	7
Poor.....	11	9	14	18
Fair.....	37	46	46	45
Good.....	35	32	38	26
Excellent.....	6	5	1	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	12	6
Poor.....	11	8	22	15
Fair.....	22	19	39	36
Good.....	55	61	26	38
Excellent.....	12	12	1	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	1
Poor.....	4	4	13	6
Fair.....	12	11	38	30
Good.....	64	73	46	56
Excellent.....	17	11	1	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	--
Poor.....	4	6	14	6
Fair.....	19	18	56	37
Good.....	57	58	28	50
Excellent.....	18	16	1	7

NA – not available

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