



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 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 week to 89 percent. Cache County reported wet fields from previous week’s moisture delayed fieldwork. Grand County noted an aphid issue in fruit trees, as well as a hard frost. Millard County noted windy conditions that were drying out topsoil. Statewide, barley planted was at 81 percent complete, with 20 percent of the crop emerged. Statewide, corn planted was 25 percent complete with 1 percent emerged. Winter wheat headed was at 4 percent complete. Cattle and calves, as well as sheep and lambs, receiving supplemental feed were at 33 percent and 29 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 34 percent and 35 percent, respectively. Cows calved was 88 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing and range flock ewes lambing were at 88 percent and 61 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 76 percent and 53 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of May 6, 2024, was 120 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus, compared with 73 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 18 percent excellent, compared with 6 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	81	79	44	71
Emerged .....	20	14	8	40
Corn				
Planted.....	25	14	22	28
Emerged .....	1	--	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	70	45	1	36
Winter Wheat				
Headed .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	88	86	91	90
Moved to pasture .....	34	31	37	40
Receiving supplemental feed .....	33	34	62	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock .....	88	83	89	90
Ewes lambing – range flock .....	61	56	63	65
Moved to pasture .....	35	27	37	47
Sheep shorn – farm flock .....	76	66	82	83
Sheep shorn – range flock .....	53	50	75	79
Receiving supplemental feed .....	29	50	42	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.....	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	--	1	5
Short.....	9	12	6	25
Adequate.....	71	74	62	60
Surplus.....	18	14	31	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	--	--	6
Short.....	7	6	4	24
Adequate.....	76	80	62	58
Surplus.....	16	14	34	12

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	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	--	2	3
Fair.....	23	17	24	28
Good.....	62	69	60	62
Excellent.....	13	14	12	6
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	3	2
Poor.....	1	--	7	5
Fair.....	8	10	33	31
Good.....	77	79	52	55
Excellent.....	13	11	5	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	10	1	7
Poor.....	5	10	8	18
Fair.....	26	24	34	39
Good.....	58	49	55	32
Excellent.....	7	7	2	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	--	6	6
Poor.....	4	--	9	15
Fair.....	18	18	44	36
Good.....	65	69	37	37
Excellent.....	11	13	4	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	10	4
Fair.....	12	14	27	25
Good.....	73	71	60	64
Excellent.....	13	15	3	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	13	6
Fair.....	17	14	48	31
Good.....	64	65	37	56
Excellent.....	17	19	--	7

NA – not available

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