



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures were coupled with below average rainfall 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 94 percent last week to 85 percent. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay were at 6 percent and 7 percent complete, respectively. In Box Elder County, many alfalfa producers opted to harvest their first cutting without adding any irrigation. A late freeze was noted in Grand and San Juan Counties; the effects on the alfalfa and winter wheat crops was not yet known. Statewide, barley emerged was at 75 percent complete with headed at 4 percent complete. Beaver County reports noted farmers were busy planting corn. Statewide, corn planting advanced quickly under the warmer conditions, with 82 percent of the crop in the ground by week’s end; 40 percent was emerged. Winter wheat headed was at 20 percent complete. Stripe rust was noted in Cache County following cool, wet spring weather. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 51 percent and 72 percent, respectively. Range flock ewes lambing were 80 percent complete and range flock sheep shorn were at 90 percent complete. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of June 3, 2024, was 191 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 4 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus, compared with 75 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 2 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 23 percent excellent, compared with 10 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 14 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 1 st cutting harvested | 6 | -- | 14 | 15 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Emerged | 75 | 43 | 85 | NA |
| Headed | 4 | -- | 9 | 9 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 82 | 50 | 83 | 80 |
| Emerged | 40 | 8 | 48 | 51 |
| Other hay | | | | |
| 1 st cutting harvested | 7 | -- | 7 | 11 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 20 | 12 | 19 | 33 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Moved to pasture | 51 | 46 | 83 | 82 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Ewes lambing – range flock | 80 | 73 | 90 | NA |
| Moved to pasture | 72 | 56 | 79 | NA |
| Sheep shorn – range flock | 90 | 80 | 88 | NA |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 7.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 6.1 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| Short..... | 11 | 2 | 25 | 27 |
| Adequate..... | 68 | 77 | 60 | 56 |
| Surplus..... | 17 | 17 | 13 | 8 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Short..... | 15 | 7 | 17 | 25 |
| Adequate..... | 66 | 75 | 67 | 60 |
| Surplus..... | 19 | 15 | 14 | 7 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | 2 | 1 | -- |
| Poor..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 15 | 18 | 15 | 23 |
| Good..... | 73 | 76 | 61 | 59 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 2 | 21 | 14 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | NA | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | NA | 2 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 3 | NA | 22 | 31 |
| Good..... | 76 | NA | 64 | 52 |
| Excellent..... | 21 | NA | 12 | 13 |
| Other hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 3 | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Fair..... | 13 | 14 | 20 | 24 |
| Good..... | 73 | 77 | 62 | 58 |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 3 | 16 | 11 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Poor..... | 3 | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Fair..... | 17 | 23 | 18 | 28 |
| Good..... | 66 | 62 | 65 | 39 |
| Excellent..... | 11 | 2 | 8 | 11 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| Poor..... | 6 | 6 | 9 | 17 |
| Fair..... | 15 | 14 | 27 | 31 |
| Good..... | 65 | 74 | 48 | 37 |
| Excellent..... | 12 | 3 | 10 | 10 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Fair..... | 8 | 10 | 32 | 24 |
| Good..... | 73 | 77 | 56 | 66 |
| Excellent..... | 17 | 8 | 11 | 8 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | -- |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Fair..... | 6 | 10 | 43 | 28 |
| Good..... | 74 | 79 | 40 | 61 |
| Excellent..... | 18 | 9 | 13 | 8 |

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