



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures coupled with below average rainfall across much of Utah continued throughout 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 85 percent last week to 77 percent. In Millard County, high heat and winds contributed to the topsoil drying out faster than usual, leading to crop deterioration and fire danger. In Grand and San Juan Counties, the effects from the freeze that occurred in late May on the winter wheat crop are still unknown. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay were at 39 percent and 30 percent complete, respectively. In Box Elder County, alfalfa producers have been busy harvesting their first cutting. Whereas in Summit County, most hay producers are about to start their first cutting this week. Statewide, barley emerged was at 91 percent complete with headed at 40 percent complete. Statewide, corn planting advanced quickly under the warmer conditions, with 92 percent of the crop in the ground by week’s end; 69 percent was emerged. Winter wheat headed was at 49 percent complete, compared to 20 percent headed last week. In Grand and Box Elder Counties, producers reported grasshoppers on rangelands and on the edges of fields. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 69 percent and 83 percent, respectively. Range flock ewes lambing were 83 percent complete and range flock sheep shorn were at 95 percent complete. In Grand County, water levels in the Pack Creek rose significantly due to high snowmelt. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of June 10, 2024, was 186 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 4 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 15 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 23 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.....	39	6	36	34
Barley				
Emerged.....	91	75	96	NA
Headed.....	40	4	23	21
Corn				
Planted.....	92	82	91	89
Emerged.....	69	40	73	69
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	30	7	18	25
Tart cherries				
Harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	49	20	44	52
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	69	51	92	90
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	83	80	93	NA
Moved to pasture.....	83	72	85	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	95	90	91	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	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	4	3	10
Short	16	11	21	27
Adequate	63	68	68	58
Surplus	14	17	8	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	--	2	9
Short	18	15	17	25
Adequate	67	66	64	60
Surplus	14	19	17	6

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	--	1	1
Poor	2	1	2	5
Fair	17	15	20	22
Good	66	73	61	59
Excellent	14	11	16	13
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	2	4
Fair	5	3	21	30
Good	81	76	70	55
Excellent	14	21	5	11
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	--	2
Poor	1	1	3	6
Fair	13	13	28	25
Good	70	73	58	58
Excellent	15	12	11	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	2	7
Poor	2	3	7	17
Fair	19	17	27	28
Good	60	66	56	38
Excellent	17	11	8	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	7	6
Poor	6	6	14	16
Fair	16	15	31	33
Good	58	65	39	35
Excellent	18	12	9	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor	1	1	2	3
Fair	5	8	27	23
Good	72	73	62	65
Excellent	21	17	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor	2	2	3	3
Fair	9	6	41	28
Good	67	74	41	59
Excellent	22	18	14	9

NA – not available

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