

UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 7,2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of 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 decreased from 91 percent last week to 87 percent. Beaver County reports farmers have turned on irrigation sprinklers. Box Elder County reports recent rainstorms have delayed field work and spring planting. Cache County reports farmers have started field work and spring planting. Grand and Millard Counties noted windy conditions drying out topsoil. Statewide, barley planted was at 16 percent complete with 1 percent emerged. Cattle and calves as well as sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 59 percent and 38 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 59 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambed and range flock ewes lambed were at 47 percent and 27 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 27 percent and 17 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 8, 2024, was 138 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 4 percent fair, 77 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity Current week Previous week Previous year 5-year average (percent) (percent) (percent) (percent) Planted..... 16 24 Emerged 1 NA NA NA Tart cherries Fully bloomed..... 6 NA NA NA Cattle and calves Cows calved..... 59 38 59 60 NA NA Moved to pasture NA 9 Receiving supplemental feed 59 71 89 77 Sheep and lambs Ewes lambed – farm flock..... 47 32 50 51 Ewes lambed – range flock..... 27 16 26 24 Moved to pasture 5 NA NA NA

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NA - not available

Sheep shorn – farm flock

Sheep shorn – range flock.....

Receiving supplemental feed

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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	6.1	1.6	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	. 2	··	3
Short	9	7		16
Adequate	74	73	43	62
Surplus	13	18	57	19
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4			7
Short	8	5	4	18
Adequate	78	81	52	61
Surplus	10	14	44	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	u ,	, ,	,	, ,
Very poor	8		1	6
Poor	9	6	23	22
Fair	46	55	39	46
Good	32	37	37	23
Excellent	5	2		3
Winter wheat				
Very poor			8	5
Poor	8	8	26	13
Fair	19	25	48	38
Good	61	52	17	39
Excellent	12	15	1	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1		2	1
Poor	4	5	13	8
Fair	11	13	35	31
Good	73	73	49	56
Excellent	11	9	1	4
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	2		2	
Poor	6	3	19	9
Fair	18	17	59	39
Good	58	64	19	48
Excellent	16	16	1	4

NA – not available

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