



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dryland crops, as well as pasture and range conditions, suffered due to a lack of moisture amidst more dry weather last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 40 percent last week to 35 percent. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 85 percent complete with emergence at 74 percent complete, both below last year's progress. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 45 percent complete, with emergence at 17 percent complete, both below last year's progress. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report farmers were busy planting corn. Beaver County reports livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep out to pastures later than normal due to BLM and Forest Service regulations. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 59 percent and 70 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were both at 40 percent. Cows calved were 89 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambing were 95 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambing were 86 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 85 percent and 76 percent complete, respectively. As of May 16, 2021, snowpack in Utah was 21 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 33 percent very short, 30 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 30 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 43 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	85	79	NA	NA
Emerg'd	74	58	80	82
Corn				
Planted	45	33	71	61
Emerg'd	17	5	25	17
Tart Cherries				
Fully bloomed	71	60	77	77
Winter wheat				
Headed	3	--	5	NA
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	89	87	NA	NA
Moved to pasture	59	45	52	66
Receiving supplemental feed	40	57	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing - farm flock	95	91	NA	NA
Ewes lambing - range flock	86	74	74	82
Moved to pasture	70	57	74	80
Sheep shorn - farm flock	85	79	94	93
Sheep shorn - range flock	76	73	87	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	40	45	NA	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 field work.....	6.8	6.9	7.0	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	14	8	3
Short.....	46	46	35	20
Adequate.....	35	40	55	72
Surplus.....	--	--	2	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	18	16	10	5
Short.....	56	50	33	20
Adequate.....	26	34	57	72
Surplus.....	--	--	--	3

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	--	NA
Poor.....	5	6	3	NA
Fair.....	36	34	17	NA
Good.....	56	59	72	NA
Excellent.....	2	--	8	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	--	--
Poor.....	3	NA	9	2
Fair.....	34	NA	52	16
Good.....	54	NA	36	63
Excellent.....	9	NA	3	19
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	NA
Poor.....	12	10	3	NA
Fair.....	39	30	26	NA
Good.....	48	56	65	NA
Excellent.....	--	1	6	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	26	27	4	1
Poor.....	45	44	9	4
Fair.....	26	26	54	29
Good.....	3	3	32	49
Excellent.....	--	--	1	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	15	18	5	3
Poor.....	29	25	14	9
Fair.....	36	39	36	25
Good.....	14	15	37	49
Excellent.....	6	3	8	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	6	4	1	1
Fair.....	25	28	14	15
Good.....	64	63	77	72
Excellent.....	4	4	8	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	2	1
Fair.....	31	37	25	19
Good.....	60	55	66	72
Excellent.....	--	--	7	8

NA – not available

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