



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of cooler temperatures along with rain and snowstorms occurred 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 89 percent last week to 90 percent. Grand County noted weekend rainstorms, as well as two hard frosts. Reports of bark beetles and shothole borers was noted in fruit trees. Millard County noted cooler than normal temperatures, as well as scattered rainstorms. Summit County noted rain and snowstorms throughout the week, with farmers beginning their first cutting of alfalfa within the next few weeks. Statewide, barley planted was at 88 percent complete, with 25 percent of the crop emerged. Beaver and Box Elder Counties reported that producers were busy planting corn into ideal soil temperatures for seed germination. Statewide, corn planted was 44 percent complete, with 4 percent emerged. Winter wheat headed was at 6 percent complete. Cattle and calves, as well as sheep and lambs, receiving supplemental feed were at 25 percent and 41 percent, respectively. Summit County livestock operators were branding and vaccinating calves prior to pasture turnout. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 36 percent and 46 percent, respectively. Cows calved was 92 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambled and range flock ewes lambled were at 89 percent and 65 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 87 percent and 71 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of May 13, 2024, was 170 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 14 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 18 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	88	81	66	NA
Emerged	25	20	22	56
Corn				
Planted.....	44	25	35	43
Emerged	4	1	1	6
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	95	70	3	50
Winter Wheat				
Headed	6	4	--	1
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	92	88	94	NA
Moved to pasture	36	34	46	51
Receiving supplemental feed	25	33	51	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – farm flock	89	88	90	NA
Ewes lambled – range flock	65	61	71	76
Moved to pasture	46	35	48	62
Sheep shorn – farm flock	87	76	86	88
Sheep shorn – range flock	71	53	78	85
Receiving supplemental feed	41	29	47	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.....	6.5	4.6	6.6	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	1	7
Short.....	10	9	9	26
Adequate.....	73	71	63	59
Surplus.....	17	18	27	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	1	8
Short.....	6	7	4	29
Adequate.....	79	76	70	55
Surplus.....	15	16	25	8

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.....	--	1	2	4
Fair.....	19	23	17	24
Good.....	68	62	69	64
Excellent.....	13	13	11	7
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	1
Poor.....	--	1	8	5
Fair.....	4	8	34	30
Good.....	85	77	50	56
Excellent.....	11	13	6	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	4	1	7
Poor.....	--	5	4	17
Fair.....	24	26	32	37
Good.....	63	58	58	33
Excellent.....	13	7	5	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	9	6
Poor.....	4	4	15	18
Fair.....	18	18	38	35
Good.....	66	65	35	34
Excellent.....	12	11	3	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	2	1
Poor.....	--	1	8	4
Fair.....	7	12	26	25
Good.....	79	73	61	64
Excellent.....	14	13	3	6
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	1	2	16	6
Fair.....	12	17	39	27
Good.....	68	64	41	61
Excellent.....	19	17	1	5

NA – not available

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