



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures, along with limited precipitation 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 90 percent last week to 96 percent. Summit County reports noted farmers were beginning flood irrigation, as well as controlling for weeds in the fields. Statewide, barley planted was at 92 percent complete, with 34 percent of the crop emerged. Statewide, corn planted was 49 percent complete, with 7 percent emerged. Winter wheat headed was at 8 percent complete. Grand County livestock operators were inserting virtual fence collars on cattle prior to pasture turnout. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 41 percent and 52 percent, respectively. Cows calved was 95 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing and range flock ewes lambing were at 90 percent and 68 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 93 percent and 76 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of May 20, 2024, was 208 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated as 13 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated as 15 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 18 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 73 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)
Barley				
Planted.....	92	88	89	NA
Emerged	34	25	47	71
Corn				
Planted.....	49	44	51	57
Emerged	7	4	12	20
Winter Wheat				
Headed	8	6	--	5
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	95	92	NA	NA
Moved to pasture	41	36	57	63
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock.....	90	89	91	NA
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	68	65	77	83
Moved to pasture	52	46	60	74
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	93	87	88	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	76	71	81	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.....	7.0	6.5	7.0	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	--	2	10
Short.....	3	10	14	30
Adequate.....	70	73	66	53
Surplus.....	26	17	18	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	--	1	11
Short.....	4	6	10	29
Adequate.....	71	79	67	53
Surplus.....	24	15	22	7

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	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	22	19	22	26
Good.....	67	68	62	61
Excellent.....	11	13	13	10
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	3	6
Fair.....	10	4	39	30
Good.....	82	85	50	54
Excellent.....	8	11	7	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	8
Poor.....	--	--	7	19
Fair.....	28	24	29	31
Good.....	65	63	56	34
Excellent.....	7	13	6	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	5
Poor.....	2	4	11	16
Fair.....	12	18	31	35
Good.....	75	66	41	35
Excellent.....	11	12	9	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	--	3	2
Fair.....	9	7	27	23
Good.....	73	79	60	65
Excellent.....	17	14	9	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	1
Poor.....	--	1	10	5
Fair.....	12	12	44	27
Good.....	70	68	39	60
Excellent.....	18	19	2	7

NA – not available

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