UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler morning temperatures along with high winds and isolated rain and snowstorms occurred throughout the State 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 66 percent last week to 60 percent. Box Elder County reports farmers were waiting for additional moisture until planting corn, and there were reports of fruit damage due to freezing temperatures. Millard County reports noted extremely high winds and warm temperatures with low snowpack. Statewide, barley planted is currently at 67 percent complete with 23 percent emerged. Statewide, corn planted is currently at 3 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture are at 36 percent and 40 percent, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed were at 50 percent and 41 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 82 percent complete, farm flock ewes lambed were 77 percent complete, and range flock ewes lambed were 52 percent complete. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn are at 79 percent and 77 percent complete, respectively. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report livestock operators were branding and vaccinating calves prior to pasture turnout. Box Elder and Millard Counties report range sheep continued to be shorn and lambing progressed. As of April 25, 2022, snowpack in Utah was 75 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 33 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 28 percent adequate, compared to 40 percent very short, 37 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 64 percent adequate, compared to 3 percent very short, 35 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 13 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 16 percent good, and 2 percent surplus, compared to 7 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 46 percent fair, and 14 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted..	67	51	57	63
Emerged	23	17	20	32
Corn				
Planted..	3	2	5	7
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed	25	19	29	17
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	82	74	74	84
Moved to pasture	36	21	17	23
Receiving supplemental feed......................	50	58	70	58
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock...........................	77	67	67	83
Ewes lambed – range flock.........................	52	36	39	51
Moved to pasture	40	30	20	33
Sheep shorn – farm flock............................	79	71	61	68
Sheep shorn – range flock..........................	77	68	52	64
Receiving supplemental feed......................	41	54	56	46

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork................................	5.5	5.0	6.8	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	4	14	4
Short	30	30	36	22
Adequate	58	66	50	63
Surplus...	2	--	--	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	4	19	6
Short	35	30	38	23
Adequate	58	65	43	64
Surplus...	2	1	--	7

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	NA	1	NA
Poor	2	NA	9	NA
Fair..	45	NA	40	NA
Good	44	NA	49	NA
Excellent	9	NA	1	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	2	NA	3	NA
Poor	8	NA	9	NA
Fair..	36	NA	26	NA
Good	54	NA	59	NA
Excellent	--	NA	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	23	6
Poor	24	21	39	14
Fair..	61	62	35	39
Good	12	14	3	32
Excellent	--	--	--	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	13	4
Poor	7	7	31	14
Fair..	44	46	33	30
Good	42	40	20	44
Excellent	5	5	3	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	1	1	--
Poor	3	4	5	3
Fair..	30	31	27	19
Good	59	55	63	70
Excellent	8	9	4	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	6	3
Fair..	27	34	41	27
Good	60	57	49	62
Excellent	11	7	4	8

NA – not available
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