



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with rainstorms 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 79 percent last week to 88 percent. Beaver and Box Elder Counties noted that producers were preparing to plant corn within the week. Cache County reports indicated that producers were busy planting small grains and pasture grass. Statewide, barley planted was at 79 percent complete, with 14 percent of the crop emerged. Statewide, corn planting was 14 percent complete. Cattle and calves, as well as sheep and lambs, receiving supplemental feed were at 34 percent and 50 percent, respectively. Beaver County livestock operators were branding and vaccinating calves prior to pasture turnout. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 31 percent and 27 percent, respectively. Cows calved were 86 percent complete. Farm flock ewes lambing and range flock ewes lambing were at 83 percent and 56 percent, respectively. Farm flock and range flock sheep shorn were at 66 percent and 50 percent complete, respectively. Snowpack in Utah, according to Natural Resources Conservation Service as of April 29, 2024, was 111 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 73 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	79	69	25	59
Emerged	14	8	3	29
Corn				
Planted.....	14	6	7	12
Tart cherries				
Fully bloomed.....	45	20	--	25
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	86	79	87	85
Moved to pasture	31	28	29	30
Receiving supplemental feed	34	49	73	56
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – farm flock	83	73	85	84
Ewes lambing – range flock	56	48	52	53
Moved to pasture	27	22	22	34
Sheep shorn – farm flock	66	60	76	76
Sheep shorn – range flock	50	44	67	71
Receiving supplemental feed	50	55	73	53

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.....	5.3	6.0	5.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	6	1	4
Short.....	12	15	9	23
Adequate.....	74	65	60	62
Surplus.....	14	14	30	11
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	5	--	5
Short.....	6	9	5	22
Adequate.....	80	71	66	63
Surplus.....	14	15	29	10

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	8	2
Poor.....	--	1	3	3
Fair.....	17	25	26	28
Good.....	69	60	51	60
Excellent.....	14	13	12	7
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	1	9	2
Poor.....	--	1	16	8
Fair.....	10	17	25	27
Good.....	79	72	43	56
Excellent.....	11	9	7	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	12	--	6
Poor.....	10	12	6	16
Fair.....	24	28	43	40
Good.....	49	40	48	32
Excellent.....	7	8	3	6
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	6	5
Poor.....	--	4	11	15
Fair.....	18	19	41	38
Good.....	69	60	37	36
Excellent.....	13	15	5	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	3	2	1
Poor.....	--	3	10	4
Fair.....	14	13	31	25
Good.....	71	62	55	63
Excellent.....	15	19	2	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	2	3	1
Poor.....	2	4	13	5
Fair.....	14	20	41	32
Good.....	65	56	42	55
Excellent.....	19	18	1	7

NA – not available

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