

UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With most producers either already in their fields or gearing up plant their spring-sown crops, the weekly weather pattern brought above average temperatures and extremely limited precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports from Beaver County noted that irrigation systems were running, and crop and range ground was dry. Comments from Duchesne County indicated that most producers in the area were set to receive irrigation water over the next 1-2 weeks. Topsoil moisture conditions decreased from last week, with 51 percent rated adequate, compared with 58 percent adequate a week ago. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for April 8, the State remains free from exceptional drought (D4) conditions. Extreme drought (D3) conditions were estimated at slightly above 4 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions were at 35 percent, moderate drought (D1) encompassed roughly 37 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions sat around 20 percent. About 4 percent of the State was drought-free. As of April 13, snow water equivalent (SWE) as a percent of median ranged from 11 to 102 percent across the State's basins, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Several hard freezes were noted in Grand County over the past couple of weeks, with the apple crop in full bloom. Additionally, reports indicated that some alfalfa growers had started irrigating their fields.

Hay and roughage supplies were 2 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 66 adequate, and 26 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last year. Irrigation water supplies across Utah were reported as 26 percent poor, 50 percent fair, and 24 percent good, compared with 10 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 22 percent excellent last year.

NOTE: The Crop-CASMA (**Crop** Condition and Soil Moisture Analytics) for Root Zone Moisture can be accessed at <u>www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah</u> by clicking on Crop Progress & Condition. For this data product, the root zone is defined as top 3.2 feet of soil (approximately 1 meter).

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Barley | | | . , | | |
| Planted | 18 | 2 | 37 | 33 | |
| Cattle and calves | | | | | |
| Cows calved | 59 | 45 | 69 | 68 | |
| Moved to pasture | 2 | NA | 19 | 10 | |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 65 | 82 | 58 | 67 | |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | |
| Ewes lambed – farm flock | 57 | 35 | 59 | 59 | |
| Ewes lambed – range flock | 30 | 24 | 36 | 29 | |
| Moved to pasture | 2 | NA | 14 | 10 | |
| Sheep shorn – farm flock | 15 | NA | 34 | 52 | |
| Sheep shorn – range flock | 10 | NA | 21 | 36 | |
| Receiving supplemental feed | 47 | 80 | 50 | 59 | |

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | ື 18 | | | . 4 |
| Short | 31 | 24 | 13 | 19 |
| Adequate | 51 | 58 | 65 | 63 |
| Surplus | | | 18 | 14 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Short | 37 | 35 | 11 | 18 |
| Adequate | 55 | 61 | 69 | 64 |
| Surplus | | | 14 | 12 |

NA – not available (--) – zero

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| CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Pasture and range | | | | | |
| Very poor | 3 | 4 | 11 | 9 | |
| Poor | 25 | 20 | 11 | 17 | |
| Fair | 20 | 24 | 37 | 45 | |
| Good | 45 | 43 | 35 | 27 | |
| Excellent | 7 | 9 | 6 | 2 | |
| Winter wheat | | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 4 | | 6 | |
| Poor | 10 | 12 | 11 | 16 | |
| Fair | 35 | 40 | 22 | 37 | |
| Good | 51 | 42 | 55 | 36 | |
| Excellent | | 2 | 12 | 5 | |
| Cattle and calves | | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | |
| Fair | 6 | 4 | 12 | 27 | |
| Good | 85 | 88 | 64 | 58 | |
| Excellent | 7 | 6 | 17 | 8 | |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Poor | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | |
| Fair | 10 | 5 | 19 | 37 | |
| Good | 82 | 88 | 57 | 48 | |
| Excellent | 3 | 4 | 18 | 8 | |

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