



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures coupled with below average moisture afforded producers 6.7 days of fieldwork during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Irrigation water in Cache County was noted in some ditches last week. Limited precipitation was reported in Duchesne County, where a very dry winter had producers worried about the growing season. Statewide, topsoil moisture conditions improved, with 70 percent rated adequate to surplus, compared with 61 percent adequate a week ago. According to the National Water Prediction Service, precipitation during the week varied from a trace to about 1 inch, although the moisture was very isolated. Overall, the moisture received was noted to be below average. Reports from Summit County indicated that most crop fields were planted, with emergence seen in some areas. Producers were busy spraying weeds, and shearing the remainder of the sheep flocks. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for April 29, drought conditions were virtually unchanged when compared with the previous week, and remained significantly worse when compared with a year ago, when about 75 percent of Utah was categorized as drought free. Extreme drought (D3) conditions were estimated at slightly above 4 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions were at 42 percent, moderate drought (D1) encompassed roughly 26 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions sat around 21 percent. About 7 percent of the State was drought-free. As of May 4, snow water equivalent (SWE), as a percent of median, ranged from 10 to 76 percent across the State’s basins, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Average temperatures over the last 7 days ranged from normal to more than about 3 degrees above normal based on data provided by the High Plains Regional Climate Center. Reports from Grand County noted cool conditions, with limited precipitation. Additionally, Russian Knapweed was reported in places where it has not previously been seen.

Hay and roughage supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus last year. Irrigation water supply was reported as 1 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 18 percent excellent last year.

NOTE: The Crop-CASMA (**C**rop **C**ondition and **S**oil **M**oisture **A**alytics) for Root Zone Moisture can be accessed at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah by clicking on Crop Progress & Condition. For this data product, the root zone is defined as the 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.....	75	56	81	72
Emerged	43	21	19	34
Corn				
Planted.....	12	6	23	26
Tart cherries				
Full bloom	51	30	66	40
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved.....	83	75	88	88
Moved to pasture	23	16	34	38
Receiving supplemental feed	50	70	33	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed – farm flock.....	92	75	87	88
Ewes lambed – range flock.....	63	43	60	63
Moved to pasture	35	9	34	43
Sheep shorn – farm flock.....	64	55	75	80
Sheep shorn – range flock.....	61	32	53	71
Receiving supplemental feed	46	64	29	NA

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	6.7	6.4	4.6	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	7	2	5
Short	29	32	9	26
Adequate.....	69	61	71	59
Surplus.....	1	--	18	10
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	7	1	6
Short	38	41	7	25
Adequate.....	58	52	76	59
Surplus.....	1	--	16	10
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	1	NA	1	1
Poor	1	NA	1	3
Fair.....	15	NA	23	28
Good	65	NA	62	61
Excellent	18	NA	13	7
Other hay				
Very poor	--	NA	1	2
Poor	1	NA	1	5
Fair.....	12	NA	8	30
Good	76	NA	77	58
Excellent	11	NA	13	5
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	3	4	7
Poor	15	22	5	18
Fair.....	24	19	26	40
Good	54	47	58	33
Excellent.....	5	9	7	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	2	7
Poor	5	11	4	14
Fair.....	18	22	18	36
Good	70	62	65	37
Excellent.....	2	--	11	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	--
Poor	--	1	1	3
Fair.....	9	8	12	22
Good	84	85	73	68
Excellent.....	7	5	13	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor	1	2	2	5
Fair.....	13	12	17	30
Good	84	83	64	57
Excellent.....	2	2	17	8
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				