



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was confined to isolated areas during the week, leaving producers 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation totals ranged from a trace to 2 inches with the larger accumulations centered over north-central Utah, according to data from the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Areas along the borders were virtually dry during the week. Early-week rain and windstorms were reported in Summit County, where spring rainfall and sunny days left crops in good condition. Statewide, topsoil moisture condition was reported as 71 percent adequate, compared with 94 percent adequate to surplus last year. Grasshopper pressure was again noted in Grand County, with reports indicating excessive hatch numbers at higher elevations on the mesas. Statewide, alfalfa hay condition was reported as 85 percent good to excellent, compared with 78 percent last year, with harvest underway on 2 percent of this year’s intended acreage. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for May 20, drought conditions shifted slightly 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 3 percent, severe drought (D2) conditions were at 38 percent, moderate drought (D1) encompassed roughly 29 percent, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions sat just below 23 percent. About 7 percent of the State was drought-free. As of May 25, snow water equivalent (SWE), as a percent of median, ranged from 17 to 100 percent across the State’s basins, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Raft and Southwestern Utah basins sat at 0 percent. Average temperatures over the last 7 days were mild across the State, ranging from just below to just above normal, according to data provided by the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC).

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were rated 17 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 75 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus last year. Irrigation water supply was reported as 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 30 percent fair, and 65 percent good, compared with 10 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 14 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](http://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)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	2	1	--	4
Barley				
Emerged	95	80	42	NA
Corn				
Planted	60	55	50	65
Emerged	29	22	8	31
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	2	1	--	3
Winter wheat				
Headed	1	--	11	15
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	66	53	45	65
Receiving supplemental feed	25	21	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – range flock	89	86	72	NA
Moved to pasture	77	70	55	76
Sheep shorn – farm flock	95	83	95	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	95	80	79	NA
Receiving supplemental feed	30	12	NA	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	7.0	3.8	5.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	4	12
Short	27	30	2	28
Adequate.....	71	69	77	53
Surplus.....	--	--	17	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	1	3	10
Short	36	32	7	29
Adequate.....	57	66	75	54
Surplus.....	--	1	15	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	--	--	2	1
Poor	4	5	2	4
Fair.....	11	13	18	25
Good	60	55	76	61
Excellent	25	27	2	9
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	--	--	NA	NA
Good	79	77	NA	NA
Excellent	21	23	NA	NA
Other hay				
Very poor	--	--	3	2
Poor	2	4	3	7
Fair.....	10	14	14	28
Good	68	70	77	59
Excellent	20	12	3	4
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	6	5	9
Poor	15	18	8	21
Fair.....	30	26	23	32
Good	50	45	62	36
Excellent.....	1	5	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	7	3	5
Poor	7	9	6	20
Fair.....	14	19	14	31
Good	60	55	74	27
Excellent.....	14	10	3	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor	--	2	3	2
Fair.....	12	10	10	19
Good	72	75	77	71
Excellent.....	16	13	8	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	3	2	3
Fair.....	14	10	10	26
Good	68	75	79	62
Excellent.....	18	12	9	9
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				