



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered precipitation was seen across most of the state, but dry conditions persist as irrigation supply quality is at 18 percent poor to very poor according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting harvested is at 73 percent, well ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Peach harvest made significant progress, increasing to 51 percent complete, catching up to the prior year and 5-year average. Winter wheat planting is currently at 8 percent complete. Corn denting has started and is currently at 1 percent, significantly behind the 5-year average. Sevier County reports significant spider mite infestation on corn, with all fields affected. Corn growers are expecting reduced yields for both grain and silage harvest. Cattle and sheep are starting to be moved from summer range, both at 7 percent complete. Beaver County reports ranges are drying out significantly, which is prompting ranchers to move cattle off for shipment. Pasture and range quality continues to decline. Cache County reports that irrigation supplies are becoming scarce, although irrigation and water supply condition statewide was rated at 62 percent good to excellent, compared to 35 percent the previous year. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 28 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	73	61	62	62
4 th cutting harvested	22	7	9	NA
Apples				
Harvested	7	2	34	13
Barley				
Harvested	96	89	95	92
Corn				
Dough	70	58	70	65
Dented.....	1	NA	5	19
Oats				
Harvested	75	72	76	76
Onions				
Harvested	28	3	7	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	88	85	86	NA
Peaches				
Harvested	51	22	66	53
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	96	84	88	90
Winter Wheat				
Planted	8	2	9	12
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	7	4	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	7	6	8	NA

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 field work.....	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	11	13	11
Short.....	33	33	45	38
Adequate.....	54	54	42	51
Surplus.....	2	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	13	12	15
Short.....	32	32	48	37
Adequate.....	54	54	40	48
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	3
Fair.....	12	12	13	19
Good.....	76	76	77	61
Excellent.....	12	12	10	16
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	9	9	12	NA
Poor.....	9	9	21	NA
Fair.....	20	19	32	NA
Good.....	59	60	35	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	4
Poor.....	10	10	9	14
Fair.....	42	41	37	34
Good.....	40	41	48	40
Excellent.....	6	6	5	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	11	11	11	18
Good.....	70	70	75	70
Excellent.....	19	19	14	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	15	15	11	NA
Good.....	68	68	75	NA
Excellent.....	17	17	14	NA

NA – not available

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Utah’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_09042016.pdf