



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For another week, the state saw dry and hot conditions stressing water supplies and soil moisture but allowing for 6.9 days of field work, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cache County reports indicated that producers had started harvesting their winter wheat, and realized yields were good. Additionally, spider mites remained a concern in some corn fields; however, warm temperatures and plentiful irrigation water had the crop growing well despite the insect pressure. Both crops and livestock in Beaver County were reported in good condition. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting harvested was at 75 percent complete by week's end, continuing to be well ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Early alfalfa hay yields were reportedly good, as was quality. Unfortunately, producers were struggling to find buyers for their crop. Other hay 2nd cutting harvested was over half complete. Corn silking continued to be behind both the previous year and 5-year average at only 17 percent. Barley and winter wheat harvested was at 31 percent and 44 percent complete respectively, ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvested was at 26 percent complete, is slightly behind the previous year but well ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest of sweet cherries is progressing at 79 percent complete, behind the previous year's 93 percent and the 5-year average at 86 percent. Irrigation and water supply condition was rated at 68 percent good to excellent, compared to 42 percent the previous year. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 72 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				
2 nd cutting harvested	75	66	53	60
3 rd cutting harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Apricots				
Harvested	44	34	41	53
Barley				
Harvested	31	24	50	21
Corn				
Silking	17	9	27	30
Oats				
Headed	91	87	91	90
Harvested	23	3	28	9
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	57	36	20	NA
Spring wheat				
Harvested	26	20	27	12
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	79	76	93	86
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	35	30	46	42
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	44	21	40	35

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	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	7	10	16
Short	34	34	42	38
Adequate	56	57	48	46
Surplus	2	2	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	7	7	9	14
Short	35	34	45	38
Adequate	57	58	46	47
Surplus	1	1	--	1

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)
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	1
Fair	11	11	15	13
Good.....	71	71	68	66
Excellent.....	18	18	16	20
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	1	2
Fair	12	12	13	21
Good.....	80	79	76	62
Excellent.....	8	9	10	15
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	4	4	14	NA
Poor	7	7	15	NA
Fair	21	21	31	NA
Good.....	63	63	40	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	14	4
Fair	6	6	19	17
Good.....	84	84	58	70
Excellent.....	10	10	9	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	--	4
Poor	8	8	10	14
Fair	36	35	33	30
Good.....	47	48	47	45
Excellent.....	8	8	10	7
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	2	--	7
Fair	13	13	14	20
Good.....	67	68	69	56
Excellent.....	17	17	17	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor	--	--	2	11
Fair	23	25	18	27
Good.....	62	63	59	45
Excellent.....	15	12	21	14
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	11	10	11	18
Good.....	67	63	76	70
Excellent.....	22	27	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	17	17	10	NA
Good.....	65	64	76	NA
Excellent.....	18	19	14	NA

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Utah’s weather data was not available at time of publication. A link will be provided as soon as data becomes available.