



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The state saw scattered storms throughout the week with light rainfall, but dry and hot conditions persisted, stressing water supplies and soil moisture but allowing for 6.8 days of field work, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting harvested was at 83 percent complete by week's end, continuing to be slightly ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Reports out of Box Elder County indicate alfalfa yields and quality have been good, but the market has been soft. Other hay 2nd cutting harvested was 66 percent complete, well ahead of the previous year. Corn silking is at 45 percent complete, keeping pace with the previous year and 5-year average. Reports indicate water supplies in the Bear River Valley are adequate to finish the crop. Barley and winter wheat harvested was at 41 percent and 63 percent complete respectively, both ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvested was at 33 percent complete, behind the previous year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Box Elder County reported very good yields and test weights, but average to below average protein content. Harvest of sweet cherries is almost complete at 90 percent. Peaches have started to be harvested and are at 2 percent complete. Pasture and Range condition reports have remained steady but there are concerns that very little rainfall will diminish forage quality. Reports from Cache County indicate dust has been causing some pinkeye and pneumonia in cattle. Irrigation and water supply condition was rated at 69 percent good to excellent, compared to 39 percent the previous year. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 2 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.....	83	75	72	75
3 rd cutting harvested.....	10	2	2	18
Apricots				
Harvested.....	58	44	48	70
Barley				
Harvested.....	41	31	69	35
Corn				
Silking.....	45	17	41	48
Oats				
Headed.....	95	91	92	94
Harvested.....	34	23	44	17
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	66	57	33	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	2	--	6	4
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	33	26	47	22
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested.....	90	79	95	94
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	55	35	68	65
Winter Wheat				
Harvested.....	63	44	64	52

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	6.9	6.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	8	10	17
Short.....	33	34	42	37
Adequate.....	57	56	48	45
Surplus.....	3	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	7	9	18
Short.....	35	35	46	36
Adequate.....	56	57	45	46
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	--	NA	NA
Fair	11	11	NA	NA
Good.....	71	71	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	18	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	3
Fair	12	12	12	21
Good.....	80	80	77	62
Excellent.....	8	8	11	14
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	4	4	12	NA
Poor	7	7	19	NA
Fair	20	21	30	NA
Good.....	63	63	39	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	14	4
Fair	6	6	18	19
Good.....	84	84	59	69
Excellent.....	10	10	9	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	--	5
Poor	8	8	10	15
Fair	36	36	34	33
Good.....	46	47	49	41
Excellent.....	9	8	7	6
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	3	--	7
Fair	13	13	14	20
Good.....	67	67	69	56
Excellent.....	17	17	17	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	2	NA
Fair	23	23	18	NA
Good.....	62	62	59	NA
Excellent.....	15	15	21	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	11	11	11	16
Good.....	67	67	76	71
Excellent.....	22	22	13	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	16	17	10	NA
Good.....	67	65	76	NA
Excellent.....	17	18	14	NA

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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_07312016.pdf