



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The state saw rainfall across most regions, improving soil moisture slightly and reducing the days for field work to 6.3 according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting harvested is nearing completion at 92 percent. Reports out of Box Elder County indicate alfalfa 3rd cutting harvested is showing very little volume due to the high temperatures. Other hay 2nd cutting harvested was 72 percent complete, well ahead of the previous year. Rain in Wayne County during a key window for hay harvesting has resulted in complete loss of some crops. In Garfield County, rains caused flood damage to homes and cropland, and slowed 2nd and 3rd cutting of hay. Corn silking increased significantly at 70 percent complete, passing the previous year and 5-year average. Barley and winter wheat harvested was at 57 percent and 84 percent complete respectively, both ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvested was at 48 percent complete, behind the previous year but ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest of sweet cherries is almost complete at 96 percent. Peaches have started to be harvested and are at 3 percent complete. Pasture and Range condition reports have remained steady and are likely to improve with the rainfall. Irrigation and water supply condition was rated at 70 percent good to excellent, compared to 39 percent the previous year. Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 72 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	92	83	86	86
3 rd cutting harvested	29	10	12	23
Apricots				
Harvested	65	58	51	79
Barley				
Harvested	57	41	81	50
Corn				
Silking	70	45	56	65
Dough	3	NA	3	2
Oats				
Harvested	44	34	49	23
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	72	66	58	NA
Peaches				
Harvested	3	2	14	9
Spring wheat				
Harvested	48	33	66	37
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	96	90	95	97
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	65	55	89	86
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	84	63	80	65

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	6.3	6.8	6.2	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	7	8	18
Short	31	33	40	35
Adequate	59	57	52	47
Surplus	3	3	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	8	10	18
Short	34	35	46	37
Adequate	57	56	44	45
Surplus	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	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	--	NA	NA
Fair	11	11	NA	NA
Good.....	71	71	NA	NA
Excellent.....	18	18	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	4
Fair	12	12	11	20
Good.....	80	80	78	60
Excellent.....	8	8	11	16
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	4	4	12	NA
Poor	7	7	19	NA
Fair	19	20	30	NA
Good.....	63	63	39	NA
Excellent.....	7	6	--	NA
Oats				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	14	5
Fair	7	6	18	23
Good.....	83	84	60	64
Excellent.....	10	10	8	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	--	5
Poor	8	8	12	18
Fair	37	36	32	29
Good.....	46	46	49	40
Excellent.....	8	9	7	8
Spring wheat				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	4	3	NA	NA
Fair	14	13	NA	NA
Good.....	65	67	NA	NA
Excellent.....	17	17	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	11	11	11	19
Good.....	67	67	76	69
Excellent.....	22	22	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	15	16	10	NA
Good.....	67	67	76	NA
Excellent.....	18	17	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_08072016.pdf