



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mostly dry conditions were seen across the state, but days suitable for field work fell slightly to 6.8 according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting harvested is at 51 percent, well ahead of last year and the 5-year average, and the 4th cutting is just beginning. Other hay 2nd cutting harvested was 79 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Apple harvest has started and is slightly behind the previous year. Corn silking is nearing completion at 96 percent, ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Spider mites have been reported in Cache and Sevier Counties and farmers are spraying to control them. Harvesting of onions has begun, starting slightly ahead of the prior year. Barley harvested was at 81 percent complete, behind the prior year but ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvested was at 72 percent complete, while winter wheat harvest is almost complete at 95 percent. Peach harvest is at 15 percent complete, significantly behind the prior year and 5-year average. Irrigation and water supply condition was rated at 66 percent good to excellent, compared to 37 percent the previous year. Box Elder and Beaver County reports indicate dry conditions and concerns over irrigation supplies running low which is affecting the quality of range and pastureland. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 24 percent short, 69 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.....	51	44	36	39
4 th cutting harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	1	--	8	2
Apricots				
Harvested.....	85	75	59	88
Barley				
Harvested.....	81	74	91	78
Corn				
Silking.....	96	89	89	89
Dough.....	35	28	35	29
Oats				
Harvested.....	60	53	63	54
Onions				
Harvested.....	2	NA	--	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	79	75	76	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	15	7	43	28
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	72	60	81	70
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	94	85	95	93
Winter Wheat				
Harvested.....	95	90	88	87

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	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	7	10	14
Short.....	33	32	45	40
Adequate.....	55	58	45	45
Surplus.....	3	3	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	11	18
Short.....	34	33	49	39
Adequate.....	56	57	40	43
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.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	12	12	12	20
Good.....	75	76	77	62
Excellent.....	13	12	11	16
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	4	4	12	NA
Poor.....	10	10	20	NA
Fair.....	20	20	31	NA
Good.....	62	62	37	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	6
Poor.....	9	9	10	16
Fair.....	39	38	35	34
Good.....	44	44	48	38
Excellent.....	6	8	7	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	10	10	11	19
Good.....	68	68	76	69
Excellent.....	22	22	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	15	15	10	NA
Good.....	68	68	76	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_08212016.pdf