



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Mostly dry conditions were seen across the state with the exception being scattered precipitation across the southern region and these conditions have reduced the quality of irrigation water supplies which were rated 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 61 percent, well ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Apricot harvest is nearly complete at 95 percent, well ahead of the previous year. Peach harvest is at 22 percent complete, significantly behind the prior year and 5-year average. Tart cherry harvest is almost complete at 99 percent. Winter wheat planting is currently at 2 percent complete. Cattle and sheep are starting to be moved from summer range and are 4 percent and 6 percent complete respectively. Reports from Cache County indicate hot dry conditions are affecting pasture and rangeland with some producers starting to feed baled hay to cattle and sheep. Pasture and range conditions have declined from the previous week. Irrigation supplies are dwindling and producers are concerned about running low. Carbon County reports that Scofield Reservoir will shut off water October 1st for maintenance. Irrigation and water supply condition was rated at 63 percent good to excellent, compared to 34 percent the previous year. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 60 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	61	51	49	51
4 th cutting harvested.....	7	1	2	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	2	1	14	5
Apricots				
Harvested.....	95	85	64	91
Barley				
Harvested.....	89	81	94	88
Corn				
Dough.....	58	35	53	48
Oats				
Harvested.....	72	60	71	68
Onions				
Harvested.....	3	2	2	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	85	79	80	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	22	15	49	37
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	84	72	86	82
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	99	94	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	4	--	2	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	6	--	2	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	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	9	13	12
Short.....	33	33	45	39
Adequate.....	54	55	42	48
Surplus.....	2	3	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	9	12	16
Short.....	32	34	48	36
Adequate.....	54	56	40	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	12	12	13	20
Good.....	76	75	77	62
Excellent.....	12	13	11	17
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	9	4	13	NA
Poor.....	9	10	21	NA
Fair.....	19	20	32	NA
Good.....	60	62	34	NA
Excellent.....	3	4	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	4
Poor.....	10	9	10	14
Fair.....	41	39	36	36
Good.....	41	44	48	40
Excellent.....	6	6	6	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	11	10	11	17
Good.....	70	68	75	71
Excellent.....	19	22	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_08282016.pdf