



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Very little precipitation was seen across the state, and dry conditions persist as irrigation supply quality is at 20 percent poor to very poor, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings continue to decline with the lack of rainfall. The dry conditions are near ideal for harvesting of alfalfa hay, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting harvest at 83 percent, ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Other hay 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested is nearly complete at 93 percent, on pace with the prior year. Peach harvest made progress, increasing to 60 percent complete, very close to the 5-year average. Winter wheat planting is currently at 16 percent complete. Corn denting has progressed to 20 percent, significantly behind the 5-year average. Sevier County reports significant spider mite damage to corn, with all fields affected. Corn growers are expecting reduced yields for both grain and silage harvest. Cattle and sheep are starting to be moved from summer range, at 15 percent and 13 percent complete respectively. Pasture and range quality is rated 15 percent poor to very poor, a degradation of 3 percentage points from the previous week. Stock water supplies were reported as 15 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 56 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	83	73	78	73
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	45	22	16	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	13	7	42	19
Corn				
Dough.....	79	70	81	81
Dented.....	20	1	23	33
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage.....	3	NA	4	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	82	75	86	84
Onions				
Harvested.....	39	28	24	13
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	93	88	91	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	60	51	79	62
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	16	8	18	23
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	15	7	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	13	7	14	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.....	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	11	14	10
Short.....	35	33	46	36
Adequate.....	52	54	40	53
Surplus.....	1	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	13	12	14
Short.....	34	32	49	36
Adequate.....	51	54	39	50
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	--	2
Fair .....	12	12	13	20
Good.....	76	76	77	63
Excellent.....	12	12	10	15
<b>Irrigation water supplies</b>				
Very poor .....	9	9	13	NA
Poor .....	11	9	23	NA
Fair .....	22	20	30	NA
Good.....	56	59	34	NA
Excellent.....	2	3	--	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	4	2	1	3
Poor .....	11	10	10	13
Fair .....	40	42	39	35
Good.....	39	40	45	43
Excellent.....	6	6	5	6
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	--	--	1
Fair .....	12	11	11	18
Good.....	68	70	76	70
Excellent.....	19	19	13	11
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Fair .....	14	15	11	NA
Good.....	70	68	75	NA
Excellent.....	16	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\\_09112016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/UT_Weather_09112016.pdf)