



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Much needed precipitation was seen across the state, although dry conditions still persist, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings have stabilized with the rainfall received. The 3rd cutting harvest for alfalfa hay is at 89 percent complete, ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Other hay 2nd cutting harvested is nearly complete at 96 percent, on pace with the prior year. Peach harvest made progress, increasing to 72 percent complete, very close to the 5-year average. Winter wheat planting made significant progress and is currently at 43 percent complete and emergence of the crop has started. Corn denting has progressed to 49 percent complete, catching up to the 5-year average. Corn silage harvested has made significant progress and is currently at 27 percent complete. Uintah County reports irrigation water has been turned off in lower Ashley Valley so a pipeline can be installed this fall. Cattle and sheep are being moved from summer range, at 26 percent and 27 percent complete respectively, ahead of the prior year and 5-year averages. Pasture and range quality is rated 19 percent poor to very poor, a degradation of 4 percentage points from the previous week. Stock water supplies were reported as 16 percent very short, 28 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 rd cutting harvested.....	89	83	87	80
4 th cutting harvested.....	60	45	27	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	19	13	47	26
Corn				
Dough.....	87	79	87	88
Dented.....	49	20	44	52
Mature.....	3	NA	11	16
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage.....	27	3	23	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	91	82	91	89
Onions				
Harvested.....	55	39	41	28
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	96	93	94	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	72	60	86	75
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	43	16	37	43
Emerged.....	1	NA	6	8
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	26	15	18	14
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	27	13	19	13

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.....	5.8	6.9	5.2	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	12	10	9
Short.....	33	35	41	34
Adequate.....	55	52	48	56
Surplus.....	1	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	11	13
Short.....	33	34	44	35
Adequate.....	52	51	45	52
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.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	16	12	12	18
Good.....	69	76	77	65
Excellent.....	15	12	11	16
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor.....	10	9	13	NA
Poor.....	14	11	22	NA
Fair.....	21	22	27	NA
Good.....	53	56	38	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	1	3
Poor.....	15	11	10	13
Fair.....	39	40	38	34
Good.....	36	39	46	44
Excellent.....	6	6	5	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	12	12	11	16
Good.....	68	68	76	72
Excellent.....	19	19	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	14	14	12	NA
Good.....	70	70	74	NA
Excellent.....	16	16	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_09182016.pdf