



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Significant storms dumped precipitation across the state, increasing topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings significantly, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Uintah County reported flash flooding from the 2 to 3 inches of rain received on Thursday September 22nd. Topsoil and subsoil moisture rated adequate to surplus improved by 21 and 13 percentage points respectively with the storms received. The 3rd cutting harvest for alfalfa hay is at 94 percent complete, with 4th cutting at 70 percent complete. Peach harvest made progress, increasing to 89 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Winter wheat planting made significant progress and is currently at 58 percent complete and emergence of the crop is on pace with the previous year and 5-year averages. Box Elder County reports that the rainfall will make a huge difference in the planting of winter wheat. Corn denting has progressed to 74 percent complete. Corn silage harvested has made significant progress and is currently at 51 percent complete. Sevier County has reported extensive damage to corn from spider mites. Cattle and sheep are being moved from summer range, at 35 percent and 42 percent complete respectively. Pasture and range quality is rated at 42 percent good to excellent, and the recent precipitation should increase the quality of range conditions for winter feeding of cattle and sheep. Stock water supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 22 percent short, 64 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.....	94	89	93	89
4 th cutting harvested.....	70	60	44	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	47	19	49	32
Corn				
Dough.....	92	87	95	93
Dented.....	74	49	69	72
Mature.....	17	3	29	33
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage.....	51	27	44	35
Oats				
Harvested.....	96	91	94	94
Onions				
Harvested.....	62	55	49	45
Peaches				
Harvested.....	89	72	89	83
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	58	43	59	61
Emerged.....	23	1	20	20
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	35	26	27	24
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	42	27	34	24

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.....	4.5	5.8	6.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	11	9	8
Short.....	17	33	38	32
Adequate.....	66	55	52	59
Surplus.....	11	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	14	11	11
Short.....	23	33	44	36
Adequate.....	62	52	43	52
Surplus.....	4	1	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	2
Fair	11	16	13	21
Good.....	75	69	76	63
Excellent.....	14	15	11	14
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	9	10	13	NA
Poor	10	14	23	NA
Fair	26	21	27	NA
Good.....	53	53	37	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	4	1	3
Poor	15	15	11	12
Fair	39	39	38	33
Good.....	36	36	47	46
Excellent.....	6	6	3	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	--	1
Fair	12	12	12	17
Good.....	68	68	76	71
Excellent.....	19	19	12	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_09252016.pdf