



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered storms dropped precipitation across the state, increasing topsoil moisture ratings for the second straight week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture rated adequate to surplus improved to 79 percent with the storms received. The 3rd cutting harvest for alfalfa hay is at 95 percent complete, with 4th cutting at 75 percent complete. Peach harvest is almost complete, increasing to 95 percent. Winter wheat planting made significant progress and is currently at 79 percent complete and emergence of the crop is ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Corn denting has progressed to 79 percent complete and harvest should begin soon. Cache County reported the storms have slowed the progress of chopping corn, with the standing stalks shading the ground preventing it from drying out. Corn silage harvested has made significant progress and is currently at 75 percent complete. Cattle and sheep are being moved from summer ranges, at 39 percent and 48 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, 23 percent short, 63 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.....	95	94	95	93
4 th cutting harvested.....	75	70	61	32
Apples				
Harvested.....	61	47	51	41
Corn				
Dough.....	95	92	97	96
Dented.....	79	74	83	82
Mature.....	40	17	44	50
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage.....	75	51	64	53
Onions				
Harvested.....	70	62	59	57
Peaches				
Harvested.....	95	89	90	88
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	79	58	76	71
Emerged.....	42	23	36	32
Cattle and calves				
Moved from summer range.....	39	35	40	38
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range.....	48	42	45	38

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.....	6.0	4.5	6.7	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	6	9	5
Short.....	18	17	39	31
Adequate.....	71	66	52	63
Surplus.....	8	11	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	12	8
Short.....	23	23	44	36
Adequate.....	64	62	42	56
Surplus.....	2	4	2	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	1
Fair	13	11	13	16
Good.....	73	75	76	68
Excellent.....	14	14	11	15
Irrigation water supplies				
Very poor	9	9	13	NA
Poor	10	10	24	NA
Fair	25	26	26	NA
Good.....	54	53	37	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	--	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	4	1	4
Poor	14	15	10	13
Fair	40	39	39	35
Good.....	36	36	47	43
Excellent.....	6	6	3	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	--	1
Fair	12	12	12	17
Good.....	69	68	75	72
Excellent.....	18	19	13	10
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_10022016.pdf