



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another week of hot and dry weather, with only 2 of the 35 weather stations reporting precipitation of 0.01 of an inch or more, caused the adequate topsoil moisture condition rating to drop by 11 percent points, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. First cutting of alfalfa and other hay is nearly complete at 97 percent and 92 percent, respectively. Barley, oats, and winter wheat heading is nearly complete with the crops good to excellent condition ratings at 91, 87 and 65 percent, respectively. Spring wheat headed is at 71 percent complete, well behind the previous year of 92 percent. Sweet cherries are at 7 percent harvested, significantly behind the previous year of 53 percent and 5-year average of 50 percent. Cache County reports lots of irrigation water being used now with little rain, with perfect weather for harvesting hay, and corn is really growing well on hotter days. Uintah County reports hot, dry conditions are drying out cropland, ranges, and pastures, even with ample irrigation. Garfield County reports that the Brian Head Fire is still burning and currently 75 percent contained, but still threatening livestock and forage supplies for some producers in the area. Stock water supplies were rated 11 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	97	92	96	95
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	18	2	16	14
Barley				
Headed .....	89	75	97	93
Oats				
Headed .....	86	64	74	73
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	92	80	88	79
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	3	NA	6	NA
Spring Wheat				
Headed .....	71	50	92	89
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested .....	7	3	53	50
Winter Wheat				
Headed .....	96	90	96	97
Harvested .....	2	--	3	8

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	5	6	20
Short.....	41	32	29	36
Adequate .....	52	63	62	43
Surplus .....	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	1	6	17
Short.....	28	25	30	41
Adequate .....	69	74	63	42
Surplus .....	--	--	1	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	25	21	NA	NA
Good.....	62	68	NA	NA
Excellent.....	12	10	NA	NA
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	9	11	11	15
Good.....	71	70	71	64
Excellent.....	20	19	18	19
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	9	10	12	19
Good.....	75	82	80	67
Excellent.....	16	8	8	13
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	13	14	6	18
Good.....	79	78	85	70
Excellent.....	8	8	9	8
<b>Other Hay</b>				
Very Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	17	NA	NA
Good.....	76	77	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	NA	NA
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	5	3	5	17
Fair.....	30	28	33	34
Good.....	59	58	53	40
Excellent.....	6	11	9	4
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	5	2	7
Fair.....	13	22	13	19
Good.....	64	57	68	57
Excellent.....	22	16	17	16
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	2	7	--	10
Fair.....	33	42	24	26
Good.....	55	46	61	47
Excellent.....	10	5	15	14
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	15	14	10	18
Good.....	77	80	65	67
Excellent.....	8	6	25	14
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	14	23	15	NA
Good.....	81	72	73	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	12	NA

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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/2017/UT\\_Weather\\_07022017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_07022017.pdf)