



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of hot and dry weather, with only 9 of the 35 weather stations reporting precipitation of 0.01 of an inch or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley, oats, and spring wheat heading is nearly complete with the crops good to excellent condition ratings at 92, 88, and 78 percent, respectively. Apricot harvest is starting, currently at 4 percent complete, well behind the 21 percent complete from the previous year. Sweet cherries are at 41 percent harvested, well behind the previous year of 59 percent and 5-year average of 66 percent. Box Elder County reports crops are progressing nicely with the warm weather and application of irrigation water. Fall wheat is ripening rapidly and harvest is beginning, although there are concerns that hot temperatures and lack of moisture have shrunk the kernels' as they were filling out. Producers are cutting good quality alfalfa with great weather for bailing. Cache County reports weather has been very hot and dry with farmers using a lot of irrigation water. Rangeland and pastures are beginning to dwindle due to lack of moisture. Stock water supplies were rated 15 percent short and 85 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	32	18	42	33
Apricots				
Harvested	4	--	21	NA
Barley				
Headed	94	89	NA	NA
Oats				
Headed	92	86	81	79
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	94	92	91	83
2 nd cutting harvested.....	9	3	14	NA
Spring Wheat				
Headed	81	71	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	41	7	59	66
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	6	2	8	15

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.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	7	6	16
Short.....	43	41	30	39
Adequate	50	52	62	45
Surplus	--	--	2	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	3	6	16
Short.....	32	28	31	40
Adequate	67	69	62	44
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)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	23	25	NA	NA
Good.....	57	62	NA	NA
Excellent.....	17	12	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	8	9	11	16
Good.....	70	71	71	65
Excellent.....	22	20	18	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	12	16
Good.....	71	75	79	70
Excellent.....	19	16	9	13
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	4
Fair.....	12	13	7	18
Good.....	80	79	84	71
Excellent.....	8	8	9	7
Other Hay				
Very Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	17	19	NA	NA
Good.....	75	76	NA	NA
Excellent.....	7	5	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	5
Poor.....	9	5	5	17
Fair.....	35	30	35	36
Good.....	50	59	51	38
Excellent.....	6	6	8	4
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	6	1	2	6
Fair.....	15	13	13	21
Good.....	57	64	68	58
Excellent.....	21	22	17	14
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	8	2	--	10
Fair.....	31	33	24	27
Good.....	53	55	62	47
Excellent.....	8	10	14	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair.....	12	15	10	18
Good.....	77	77	63	67
Excellent.....	10	8	27	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	17	14	16	NA
Good.....	74	81	65	NA
Excellent.....	9	5	19	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_07092017.pdf