



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was seen across the state, with 23 out of 34 weather stations reporting at least 0.01 inches or more according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Days suitable for fieldwork went from 6.0 to 6.7. Second cutting of Alfalfa hay is nearly complete at 90 percent. Apricots harvested is at 55 percent complete, behind the previous year and 5-year average. Corn silking is at 68 percent complete percent, comparable to last year and the 5-year average. Barley and spring wheat harvest are at 38 percent and 29 percent complete respectively, but were behind the 5-year averages of 56 percent, and 43 percent. Peach harvest has started, and is currently at 9 percent complete. Sweet cherries harvest is nearly complete at 92 percent. Winter wheat harvested is at 65 percent complete, well behind the previous year and 5-year average. Tart cherries harvest was at 84 percent complete, ahead of the previous years 64 percent, but still behind the 5-year average of 86 percent. Box Elder County reports wheat harvest is going well and corn looks really good. Some wheat producers have reported reduced yields due to the heat and dry conditions. Cache County reports good yields for grain harvest, and corn is growing rapidly with hot days and plenty of irrigation water, although spider mites have shown up in some fields. Pasture and Rangeland is drying up but cattle still look good. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 11 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.....	90	81	91	89
3 rd cutting harvested.....	22	14	26	28
Apricots				
Harvested	55	43	64	73
Barley				
Harvested	38	22	55	56
Corn				
Silking.....	68	41	66	70
Dough.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Harvested	35	12	43	30
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	69	56	71	NA
Peaches				
Harvested	9	--	3	9
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	29	15	46	43
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	92	88	95	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	84	55	64	86
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	65	43	81	75

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.....	6.7	6.0	6.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	9	7	19
Short.....	31	30	31	38
Adequate	60	61	59	42
Surplus	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	5	8	20
Short.....	32	32	34	40
Adequate	62	63	57	40
Surplus	--	--	1	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	18	20	NA	NA
Good.....	65	61	NA	NA
Excellent.....	16	17	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	9	10	11	NA
Good.....	76	70	71	NA
Excellent.....	15	20	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	2
Fair.....	12	12	12	16
Good.....	62	65	80	65
Excellent.....	25	22	8	17
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	5
Fair.....	14	13	7	22
Good.....	80	81	83	65
Excellent.....	6	6	10	8
Other Hay				
Very Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	5	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	24	24	NA	NA
Good.....	65	65	NA	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	3	1	6
Poor.....	15	13	8	19
Fair.....	31	33	37	34
Good.....	44	47	46	36
Excellent.....	5	4	8	5
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	9	10	4	NA
Fair.....	20	20	14	NA
Good.....	55	51	65	NA
Excellent.....	16	17	17	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	11	12	NA	NA
Fair.....	45	38	NA	NA
Good.....	40	44	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	6	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	12	14	11	19
Good.....	76	77	67	68
Excellent.....	11	8	22	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	23	25	15	NA
Good.....	66	69	67	NA
Excellent.....	11	6	18	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/2017/UT_Weather_08062017.pdf