



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation was seen across the state, with 15 out of 34 weather stations reporting at least 0.39 inches or more according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Days suitable for fieldwork went from 6.7 to 6.5. Second cutting of Alfalfa hay is nearly complete at 95 percent and third cutting is progressing nicely at 38 percent complete. Apricots harvested is at 65 percent complete, behind the previous year and 5-year average. Corn silking is at 89 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Barley and spring wheat harvest are at 60 percent and 49 percent complete respectively, but were behind the 5-year averages of 71 percent and 59 percent. Peach harvest is currently at 14 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Sweet cherries harvest is nearly complete at 96 percent. Winter wheat harvested is at 78 percent complete, behind the previous year and 5-year average. Tart cherries harvest was at 90 percent complete, ahead of the 82 percent from the previous year. Box Elder County reports a week of good weather, with the corn crop looking very good with a few incidences of spider mites. Sevier County reports quite a bit of rain damage on alfalfa hay this past week. Iron County reports heavy monsoon rains have stopped farm activities for a few days. Soil erosion has been an issue in the locations that have had fire damage earlier in the year. Garfield and Kane Counties report monsoon rains have really greened up pastures, crops and rangelands. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 63 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.....	95	90	95	94
3 rd cutting harvested.....	38	22	42	36
Apricots				
Harvested	65	55	74	78
Barley				
Harvested	60	38	72	71
Corn				
Silking.....	89	68	86	82
Dough.....	19	1	24	13
Oats				
Harvested	45	35	52	39
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	72	69	75	NA
Peaches				
Harvested	14	9	6	17
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	49	29	58	59
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	96	92	NA	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	90	84	82	93
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	78	65	89	84

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.....	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	9	7	17
Short.....	38	31	32	42
Adequate	51	60	58	40
Surplus	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	6	9	20
Short.....	37	32	33	44
Adequate	53	62	57	36
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	1	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	18	NA	NA
Good.....	72	65	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	16	NA	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	1	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	13	9	NA	NA
Good.....	71	76	NA	NA
Excellent.....	15	15	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	15	12	12	15
Good.....	68	62	76	66
Excellent.....	16	25	12	18
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	19	14	7	NA
Good.....	71	80	83	NA
Excellent.....	10	6	10	NA
Other Hay				
Very Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	5	NA	NA
Fair.....	27	24	NA	NA
Good.....	64	65	NA	NA
Excellent.....	5	6	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	7	5	1	6
Poor.....	19	15	9	19
Fair.....	33	31	38	39
Good.....	35	44	44	33
Excellent.....	6	5	8	3
Spring Wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	9	4	NA
Fair.....	20	20	14	NA
Good.....	55	55	65	NA
Excellent.....	15	16	17	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	17	12	10	19
Good.....	71	76	68	68
Excellent.....	11	11	22	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	27	23	15	NA
Good.....	63	66	68	NA
Excellent.....	10	11	17	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_08132017.pdf