



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY The state was very dry, with only 9 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.04 inches or more of precipitation according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Days suitable for fieldwork went from 6.5 to 6.9. Third cutting of alfalfa is progressing nicely and is currently at 65 percent complete. Apricots harvested is at 80 percent complete. Corn silking is at 94 percent complete and doughing is progressing at 40 percent, ahead of both the previous year and 5-year averages. Barley and spring wheat harvest are at 74 percent and 68 percent complete, respectively. Peach harvest is currently at 18 percent complete, ahead of the previous year but behind the 5-year average. Winter wheat harvested is at 89 percent complete, comparable to the previous year and 5-year average. Tart cherries harvest is nearly complete at 95 percent. Box Elder County reports a week of good weather, and barley and wheat harvest is winding down. Corn in the Bear River Valley looks good with a few fields having spider mites. Pasture and range has dried out with a few wildfires being reported. Beaver County reports alfalfa and livestock are looking good. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 30 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	65	38	50	45
Apricots				
Harvested	80	65	84	85
Barley				
Harvested	74	60	80	80
Corn				
Silking	94	89	95	93
Dough	40	19	34	30
Oats				
Harvested	54	45	59	57
Onions				
Harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	77	72	78	NA
Peaches				
Harvested	18	14	14	27
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	68	49	70	73
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	95	90	93	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	89	78	94	91

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.....	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	11	9	15
Short.....	45	38	33	42
Adequate	47	51	55	42
Surplus	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	10	9	19
Short.....	34	37	34	42
Adequate	56	53	56	39
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.....	12	19	NA	NA
Good.....	78	72	NA	NA
Excellent.....	9	8	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	18	15	12	16
Good.....	69	68	75	66
Excellent.....	12	16	13	17
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	28	19	NA	NA
Good.....	65	71	NA	NA
Excellent.....	7	10	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	7	2	6
Poor.....	18	19	9	18
Fair.....	33	33	39	39
Good.....	34	35	44	34
Excellent.....	7	6	6	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	11	17	10	18
Good.....	78	71	68	69
Excellent.....	10	11	22	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	27	27	15	NA
Good.....	63	63	68	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	17	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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_08202017.pdf