



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY** Utah experienced another week of storms throughout the state with all 34 weather stations reporting 0.04 inches of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farmers were finishing up third cutting of alfalfa and the fourth cutting is 35 percent complete. Corn silage harvest is 21 percent complete. Apple harvest progressed swiftly from 17 to 46 percent in the last week, significantly ahead of the prior year. Onion harvest has started, currently at 34 percent complete, significantly behind the previous year. Winter wheat planting is 44 percent complete compared to 39 percent last year. Box Elder County reports rain has slowed harvest of alfalfa and some fields may be green chopped. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                               | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay                             |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested ..... | 91                        | 86                         | 88                         | 84                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested ..... | 35                        | 26                         | 58                         | NA                          |
| Apples                                  |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                         | 46                        | 17                         | 18                         | 28                          |
| Corn                                    |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Dough.....                              | 97                        | 93                         | 86                         | 89                          |
| Dented.....                             | 57                        | 30                         | 45                         | 51                          |
| Mature.....                             | 8                         | NA                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Corn Silage                             |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested for silage .....              | 21                        | 3                          | 24                         | NA                          |
| Oats                                    |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                         | 90                        | 88                         | 90                         | 89                          |
| Onions                                  |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                         | 34                        | 29                         | 53                         | 32                          |
| Peaches                                 |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested .....                         | 85                        | 81                         | 70                         | 76                          |
| Winter Wheat                            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted.....                            | 44                        | 17                         | 39                         | 43                          |
| Emerged.....                            | 2                         | NA                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Cattle and Calves                       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from summer range .....           | 14                        | 10                         | 24                         | NA                          |
| Sheep and lambs                         |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from summer range .....           | 14                        | 7                          | 25                         | NA                          |

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 ..... | 5.8          | 6.7           | 5.8           | 6.1            |
| Topsoil moisture                   | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short .....                   | 5            | 5             | 11            | 11             |
| Short .....                        | 36           | 40            | 33            | 36             |
| Adequate.....                      | 57           | 55            | 55            | 52             |
| Surplus.....                       | 2            | --            | 1             | 1              |
| Subsoil moisture                   |              |               |               |                |
| Very short .....                   | 13           | 9             | 14            | 16             |
| Short .....                        | 37           | 35            | 33            | 38             |
| Adequate.....                      | 50           | 56            | 52            | 46             |
| 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.....         | 3            | 2             | NA            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 17           | 22            | NA            | NA             |
| Good.....         | 67           | 58            | NA            | NA             |
| Excellent.....    | 12           | 18            | NA            | NA             |
| Corn              |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | --           | 1             | --            | 1              |
| Fair.....         | 17           | 11            | 16            | 16             |
| Good.....         | 66           | 57            | 69            | 65             |
| Excellent.....    | 17           | 31            | 15            | 18             |
| Pasture and Range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 7            | 3             | 4             | 4              |
| Poor.....         | 19           | 14            | 15            | 15             |
| Fair.....         | 35           | 30            | 39            | 38             |
| Good.....         | 31           | 44            | 36            | 39             |
| Excellent.....    | 8            | 9             | 6             | 4              |
| Cattle and calves |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | 1            | 1             | 1             | 2              |
| Fair.....         | 18           | 9             | 12            | 17             |
| Good.....         | 71           | 78            | 68            | 69             |
| Excellent.....    | 10           | 12            | 19            | 12             |
| Sheep and lambs   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....         | 1            | --            | --            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 31           | 27            | 14            | NA             |
| Good.....         | 59           | 62            | 70            | NA             |
| Excellent.....    | 9            | 11            | 16            | 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\\_09172017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_09172017.pdf)