



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY** Utah experienced another week of storms throughout the state, slowing down harvest 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 48 percent complete. Corn silage harvest is 40 percent complete. Apple harvest has slowed, and is currently at 48 percent complete. Onion harvest is progressing slowly due to the wet weather as well, and is currently at 37 percent complete, significantly behind the previous year. Winter wheat planting is 49 percent complete compared to 56 percent last year. Box Elder County reports rain has slowed harvest of alfalfa, causing some bleaching and drying problems. Onion producers are in full harvest but muddy conditions are slowing them down. Cache County reports wet conditions have slowed alfalfa and safflower harvest, and growers are worried wet conditions may persist making it very difficult to harvest. Beaver County reports farmers are waiting to cut their 4<sup>th</sup> alfalfa crop due to the wet conditions and livestock are looking good coming off the range. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	91	93	91
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	48	35	69	NA
Apples				
Harvested .....	48	46	43	38
Corn				
Dented .....	80	57	70	74
Mature .....	32	8	15	33
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage .....	40	21	48	NA
Oats				
Harvested .....	96	90	95	94
Onions				
Harvested .....	37	34	61	50
Peaches				
Harvested .....	88	85	87	84
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	49	44	56	58
Emerged .....	8	2	20	21
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer range .....	19	14	34	26
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range .....	19	14	40	28

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 .....	5.3	5.8	4.5	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	5	6	9
Short .....	19	36	17	30
Adequate.....	65	57	66	58
Surplus.....	14	2	11	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	3	13	11	13
Short .....	39	37	23	36
Adequate.....	56	50	62	50
Surplus.....	2	--	4	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.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	17	NA	NA
Good .....	62	67	NA	NA
Excellent .....	13	12	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	17	17	11	17
Good .....	57	66	75	67
Excellent .....	26	17	14	15
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	5	7	4	3
Poor.....	22	19	15	15
Fair.....	36	35	39	39
Good .....	29	31	36	39
Excellent .....	8	8	6	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	1	1	1	1
Fair .....	18	18	12	18
Good.....	70	71	68	70
Excellent.....	11	10	19	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	1	1	--	NA
Fair .....	31	31	14	NA
Good.....	56	59	70	NA
Excellent.....	12	9	16	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\\_09242017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_09242017.pdf)