



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY Utah experienced another week of storms throughout the state, with 20 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.10 inches of precipitation or more, and slowing down harvest according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farmers were finishing up the fourth cutting of alfalfa with 67 percent complete, but were slowed by shorter days and wet weather. Corn silage harvest is 59 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 67 percent complete. Onion harvest is progressing slowly due to the wet weather as well, and is currently at 47 percent complete, significantly behind the previous year. Winter wheat planting is 66 percent complete compared to 76 percent last year. Cache County reports farmers are working feverishly to get crops harvested in between storms. With shorter cooler days, alfalfa producers are having a hard time getting hay dry enough to bale. Beaver County reports animals are looking good and most of the range is in good shape due to the storms. Stock water supplies were rated 24 percent short and 76 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 3 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested	67	48	74	NA
Apples				
Harvested	67	48	59	47
Corn				
Dented	90	80	78	84
Mature	58	32	37	51
Corn Silage				
Harvested for silage	59	40	72	57
Onions				
Harvested	47	37	69	61
Peaches				
Harvested	90	88	94	89
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	66	49	76	71
Emerged	20	8	39	39
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer range	30	19	38	39
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer range	38	19	47	40

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	5.6	5.3	6.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	2	3	5
Short	26	19	18	28
Adequate.....	69	65	71	64
Surplus.....	5	14	8	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	3	11	9
Short	37	39	23	35
Adequate.....	63	56	62	55
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	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	22	NA	NA
Good	64	62	NA	NA
Excellent	17	13	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	12	17	13	14
Good	53	57	73	69
Excellent	35	26	14	17
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	1	5	4	4
Poor.....	6	22	14	16
Fair.....	32	36	40	40
Good	53	29	36	37
Excellent	8	8	6	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	1
Fair	7	18	12	18
Good.....	79	70	69	70
Excellent.....	13	11	18	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	1	--	NA
Fair	18	31	14	NA
Good.....	65	56	70	NA
Excellent.....	17	12	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_10012017.pdf