



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY It was very dry in Utah, with only 1 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.05 inches of precipitation or more according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farmers were finishing up the fourth cutting of alfalfa with 91 percent complete. Corn silage harvest is nearly complete at 95 percent. Apple harvest is currently at 86 percent complete. Onion harvest has made progress with the dry weather and is currently at 86 percent complete. Winter wheat planting is 87 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved from summer range is at 72 percent and 70 percent, respectively. Good to excellent condition for Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs is 86 percent and 78 percent, respectively. Box Elder County reports 3 days' worth of hard frost in much of the county. Farmers are harvesting grain corn as high moisture, some are using corn dryers and some are putting it through hammer mills. Farmers are planting wheat but the colder temperatures are limiting the growth. Stock water supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, and 79 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 59 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 4 th cutting harvested	91	80	85	76
Apples Harvested	86	83	82	74
Corn Dented	95	93	90	93
Mature	87	76	62	77
Harvested for grain.....	34	12	5	24
Corn Silage Harvested for silage	95	81	93	88
Onions Harvested	86	70	94	87
Winter Wheat Planted.....	87	84	89	86
Emerged	54	45	64	61
Cattle and Calves Moved from summer range	72	58	76	71
Sheep and lambs Moved from summer range	70	49	78	71

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	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	4	3	10
Short	23	31	23	33
Adequate.....	71	64	68	56
Surplus.....	--	1	6	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	4	--	10	15
Short	30	39	22	33
Adequate.....	66	61	66	51
Surplus.....	--	--	2	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	14	12	12	15
Good	57	50	73	66
Excellent	29	38	15	18
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	4	1	3	6
Poor.....	11	6	14	15
Fair.....	34	33	41	38
Good	43	52	37	37
Excellent	8	8	5	4
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	14	8	6	NA
Fair.....	39	30	44	NA
Good	42	51	42	NA
Excellent	4	10	8	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	2
Fair	13	8	13	19
Good.....	73	78	68	67
Excellent.....	13	13	18	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	1	--	--	NA
Fair	21	14	14	NA
Good.....	65	74	70	NA
Excellent.....	13	12	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_10152017.pdf