



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY** It was very dry in Utah, with only 3 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.03 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 95 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 89 percent complete. Onion harvest has made progress with the dry weather and is currently at 94 percent complete. Winter wheat planting is 95 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved from summer range is at 82 percent and 83 percent, respectively. Good to excellent condition for cattle and calves and sheep and lambs is 87 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Cache County reports calves are beginning to be shipped and winter wheat is in need of moisture to emerge. Beaver Country reports most cows look good and are on irrigated pasture. Stock water supplies were rated 18 percent short and 82 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	91	95	88
Apples Harvested .....	89	86	86	83
Corn Mature .....	90	87	73	86
Harvested for grain.....	63	34	11	37
Onions Harvested .....	94	86	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Planted.....	95	87	94	90
Emerged .....	63	54	69	69
Cattle and Calves Moved from summer range .....	82	72	87	83
Sheep and lambs Moved from summer range .....	83	70	89	85

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 .....	6.8	7.0	6.2	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	6	3	7
Short .....	32	23	25	34
Adequate.....	65	71	65	57
Surplus.....	--	--	7	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	3	4	10	12
Short .....	32	30	23	37
Adequate.....	65	66	65	50
Surplus.....	--	--	2	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	8	14	12	NA
Good .....	70	57	76	NA
Excellent .....	22	29	12	NA
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	4	4	5
Poor.....	10	11	14	14
Fair.....	40	34	41	37
Good .....	37	43	37	39
Excellent .....	10	8	4	5
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	NA
Poor.....	--	14	6	NA
Fair.....	35	39	43	NA
Good .....	55	42	41	NA
Excellent .....	10	4	10	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	2	1	1	1
Fair .....	11	13	13	20
Good.....	74	73	68	67
Excellent.....	13	13	18	12
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	2	1	--	NA
Fair .....	12	21	15	NA
Good.....	73	65	69	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	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\\_10222017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_10222017.pdf)