



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw very little precipitation last week, with only 6 of the 34 weather station reporting 0.10 inches of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings fell from the previous week as moisture that was received was concentrated in just few areas. Alfalfa hay first cutting progress is nearly complete at 96 percent and second cutting is just starting at 19 percent complete. Corn emergence is nearly complete at 98 percent and silking has started, currently at 2 percent. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 3 percent complete, similar to the prior year. Sweet cherries harvest, currently at 20 percent complete is behind the prior year and 5-year average. Conditions for the crops and range have deteriorated with the lack of moisture and hot conditions. Box Elder County reports hot, dry and windy conditions and winter wheat harvest has started, with yields varying depending on location and irrigation practices. Cache County reports with sufficient irrigation water crops are doing well, but pasture and rangeland is suffering from the high temperatures, lack of moisture, and grasshoppers. Duchesne County reports the Dollar Ridge fire started on July 1st and has burned 42,000 acres and has destroyed several homes. Beaver County reports a few small storms have held up the second cutting of hay. Iron County reports monsoon rains have improved soil moisture conditions in a limited area of the county. Garfield and Kane Counties report drought conditions continue to worsen. Stock water supplies were rated 18 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 51 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 16 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 44 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st cutting harvested.....	96	93	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	19	3	30	28
Barley				
Headed.....	90	84	93	NA
Harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged.....	98	91	NA	NA
Silking.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Headed.....	57	40	91	80
Other Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	80	72	94	86
2 nd cutting harvested.....	2	NA	8	NA
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	89	81	80	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested.....	20	12	36	56
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	1	--	--	9
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	3	1	5	12

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	7.0	7.0	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	29	25	7	11
Short.....	40	35	43	41
Adequate.....	31	40	50	48
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	23	1	11
Short.....	41	39	32	38
Adequate.....	29	38	67	51
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	10	4	2	NA
Fair.....	26	20	23	NA
Good.....	55	64	57	NA
Excellent.....	9	12	17	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	--	1
Fair.....	11	4	8	14
Good.....	65	70	70	68
Excellent.....	22	26	22	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	14	15	9	15
Good.....	73	71	71	71
Excellent.....	13	14	19	14
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	3
Fair.....	12	10	12	16
Good.....	80	81	80	73
Excellent.....	7	9	8	8
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	1	NA
Fair.....	22	17	17	NA
Good.....	65	70	75	NA
Excellent.....	6	8	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	12	--	2
Poor.....	25	18	9	12
Fair.....	39	39	35	37
Good.....	22	31	50	44
Excellent.....	--	--	6	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	7	1	1	1
Poor.....	8	5	6	4
Fair.....	21	13	15	18
Good.....	46	55	57	61
Excellent.....	18	26	21	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	15	13	--	2
Poor.....	18	13	8	8
Fair.....	23	16	31	27
Good.....	27	34	53	50
Excellent.....	17	24	8	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	3	1	1
Fair.....	19	14	12	16
Good.....	71	75	77	70
Excellent.....	6	8	10	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	3	3	--	NA
Fair.....	27	25	17	NA
Good.....	68	71	74	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	9	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/2018/UT-Weather-07082018.pdf