



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw a good amount of precipitation last week, with 25 of the 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. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings improved slightly from the previous week from the moisture received. Apricot harvest is starting, currently at 23 percent complete. Corn silking is currently at 11 percent, slightly ahead of the previous year. Barley harvested is at 25 percent complete, well ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats are well ahead of the previous year at 25 percent complete. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 13 percent complete, slightly above the prior year. Sweet cherries harvest, currently at 62 percent complete has progressed significantly over the last week. Box Elder County reports hot, dry weather continues, with producers in the western half of the state out of water unless they have wells. Winter wheat in Box Elder County is starting to be harvested and producers think it will be a fair to good crop. Cache County reports hot, dry weather great for putting up hay and winter wheat almost ready to harvest. Duchesne County reports the Dollar Ridge fire is 60% contained and consumed 570,000 acres. Uintah County reports irrigation water is being rationed for the next few weeks to protect Steinaker dam. Iron County reports monsoon showers have delayed second cutting of alfalfa and soil moisture and range conditions have improved in areas of the county. Stock water supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 43 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 9 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 30 percent fair, and 41 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting harvested	35	19	45	45
Apricots				
Harvested.....	23	NA	19	NA
Barley				
Headed.....	95	90	96	NA
Harvested.....	25	1	1	11
Corn				
Silking	11	2	2	7
Oats				
Headed.....	64	57	95	86
Other Hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	87	80	97	90
2 nd cutting harvested.....	9	2	25	NA
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	94	89	89	NA
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested.....	62	20	56	74
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	6	1	4	19
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	13	3	9	18

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.....	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	29	13	14
Short.....	40	40	40	40
Adequate	38	31	47	46
Surplus	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	30	4	13
Short.....	38	41	38	40
Adequate	38	29	58	47
Surplus	--	--	--	--

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	--	--	--	NA
Poor	8	10	2	NA
Fair.....	28	26	25	NA
Good.....	57	55	65	NA
Excellent.....	7	9	8	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	2	1	1
Fair.....	15	11	14	13
Good.....	59	65	67	67
Excellent.....	22	22	18	19
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	--	1	--
Fair.....	19	14	18	15
Good.....	69	73	71	72
Excellent.....	10	13	10	13
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	1	--	3
Fair.....	18	12	21	16
Good.....	71	80	72	72
Excellent.....	7	7	7	9
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor	9	6	5	NA
Fair.....	26	22	24	NA
Good.....	57	65	66	NA
Excellent.....	7	6	5	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	14	1	2
Poor	34	25	13	14
Fair.....	36	39	44	39
Good.....	15	22	35	40
Excellent.....	--	--	7	5
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	7	7	--	--
Poor	10	8	6	4
Fair.....	24	21	22	18
Good.....	42	46	56	61
Excellent.....	17	18	16	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	12	15	--	2
Poor	21	18	7	7
Fair.....	23	23	40	28
Good.....	34	27	47	50
Excellent.....	10	17	6	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	4	1	1
Fair.....	16	19	21	17
Good.....	70	71	68	69
Excellent.....	10	6	10	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	4	3	--	NA
Fair.....	23	27	26	NA
Good.....	68	68	67	NA
Excellent.....	5	2	7	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-07152018.pdf