



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw a good amount of precipitation last week, with 29 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. Alfalfa second cutting is at 62 percent complete and third cutting is currently at 3 percent complete. Barley harvested is at 29 percent complete, well ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats headed are well ahead of the previous year at 73 percent complete and harvest has begun at 3 percent complete. Spring wheat harvest has started, currently at 7 percent complete, slightly behind the 5-year average. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 42 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Sweet cherry harvest is nearly complete, currently at 90 percent progressing significantly over the last week. Box Elder County reports warm weather and wheat harvest is well underway with yields being fair to good. Cache County reports hot temperatures and dry weather and lots of spider mites in corn and grasshoppers are causing concern. Duchesne County reports many farmers not harvesting second crop of hay but will graze it off instead. Beaver County rain is helping the ranges and pastures. Iron County reports Monsoon rains have caused some flooding in some fields, impacting harvest of alfalfa. Stock water supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 50 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 36 percent fair, and 43 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	62	35	62	60
3 rd cutting harvested	3	NA	8	NA
Apricots				
Harvested	35	23	34	46
Barley				
Harvested	29	25	9	20
Corn				
Silking	20	11	13	23
Oats				
Headed	73	64	NA	NA
Harvested	3	NA	7	11
Other Hay				
1 st cutting harvested	93	87	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	19	9	44	NA
Spring wheat				
Headed	100	94	93	NA
Harvested	7	--	5	15
Sweet Cherries				
Harvested	90	62	76	85
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	31	6	23	30
Winter wheat				
Harvested	42	13	20	31

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	6.9	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	18	22	13	14
Short	40	40	39	40
Adequate	42	38	48	46
Surplus	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	18	24	5	10
Short	37	38	37	41
Adequate	45	38	58	48
Surplus	--	--	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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.....	5	8	3	NA
Fair.....	22	28	24	NA
Good.....	66	57	61	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	12	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	4	1	--
Fair.....	11	15	15	12
Good.....	65	59	64	67
Excellent.....	22	22	20	21
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	2	1	--
Fair.....	17	19	21	16
Good.....	71	69	63	70
Excellent.....	12	10	15	14
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	4	--	3
Fair.....	13	18	24	17
Good.....	79	71	69	71
Excellent.....	7	7	7	9
Other hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	7	9	6	NA
Fair.....	27	26	32	NA
Good.....	58	57	57	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	5	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	15	3	2
Poor.....	25	34	15	13
Fair.....	41	36	42	36
Good.....	19	15	35	42
Excellent.....	--	--	5	7
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	9	7	1	1
Poor.....	10	10	8	4
Fair.....	19	24	24	18
Good.....	45	42	51	60
Excellent.....	17	17	16	17
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	17	12	--	2
Poor.....	27	21	11	8
Fair.....	24	23	42	28
Good.....	30	34	41	49
Excellent.....	2	10	6	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	1	--
Fair.....	17	16	22	17
Good.....	73	70	68	70
Excellent.....	6	10	9	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	--	NA
Fair.....	24	23	30	NA
Good.....	70	68	64	NA
Excellent.....	2	5	6	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/2018/UT-Weather-07222018.pdf