



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw some precipitation last week, with 16 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. Alfalfa second cutting is at 82 percent complete and third cutting is currently at 10 percent complete. Barley harvested is at 41 percent complete, ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats headed are at 83 percent complete and harvest has begun and is 9 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 22 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 61 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Tart cherry harvest progressed significantly over the past week, currently at 60 percent complete. Peach harvest has begun, and is currently at 2 percent complete. Box Elder County reports a very hot and dry week, with a major wildfire that has consumed 100,000 acres and is affecting farming and ranching. Cache County reports hot and dry weather is helping grain and alfalfa harvest. Garfield and Kane Counties have had sporadic thunderstorms, improving irrigation supplies but they need substantially more rain for drought relief. Stock water supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 41 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 8 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 34 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 | 82 | 62 | 79 | 74 |
| 3 rd cutting harvested | 10 | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| Apricots | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 62 | 35 | 42 | 54 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 41 | 29 | 20 | 34 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Silking | 37 | 20 | 37 | 44 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Headed..... | 83 | 73 | NA | NA |
| Harvested..... | 9 | 3 | 11 | 23 |
| Other Hay | | | | |
| 1 st cutting harvested..... | 96 | 93 | NA | NA |
| 2 nd cutting harvested..... | 26 | 19 | 55 | NA |
| Peaches | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 2 | NA | NA | NA |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 22 | 7 | 14 | 23 |
| Sweet Cherries | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 98 | 90 | 87 | 91 |
| Tart Cherries | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 60 | 31 | 51 | 53 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 61 | 42 | 40 | 49 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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 | 6.0 | 6.4 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 14 | 18 | 9 | 14 |
| Short..... | 49 | 40 | 30 | 39 |
| Adequate | 37 | 42 | 61 | 46 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 15 | 18 | 5 | 14 |
| Short..... | 42 | 37 | 32 | 40 |
| Adequate | 43 | 45 | 63 | 46 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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..... | 6 | 5 | 2 | NA |
| Fair..... | 13 | 22 | 20 | NA |
| Good..... | 74 | 66 | 61 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 7 | 17 | NA |
| Barley | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 2 | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 13 | 11 | 10 | NA |
| Good..... | 63 | 65 | 70 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 22 | 22 | 20 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | -- |
| Fair..... | 19 | 17 | 12 | 15 |
| Good..... | 67 | 71 | 65 | 69 |
| Excellent..... | 14 | 12 | 22 | 16 |
| Oats | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | 3 |
| Fair..... | 13 | 13 | 13 | 16 |
| Good..... | 79 | 79 | 81 | 72 |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Other hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | 1 | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 8 | 7 | 6 | NA |
| Fair..... | 25 | 27 | 24 | NA |
| Good..... | 61 | 58 | 65 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 5 | 7 | 5 | NA |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 16 | 15 | 3 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 22 | 25 | 13 | 14 |
| Fair..... | 44 | 41 | 33 | 38 |
| Good..... | 18 | 19 | 47 | 42 |
| Excellent..... | -- | -- | 4 | 4 |
| Spring wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 9 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Poor..... | 13 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 19 | 20 | 18 |
| Good..... | 42 | 45 | 51 | 59 |
| Excellent..... | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 17 | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 24 | 27 | 12 | 11 |
| Fair..... | 33 | 24 | 38 | 26 |
| Good..... | 33 | 30 | 44 | 48 |
| Excellent..... | 2 | 2 | 6 | 13 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Fair..... | 20 | 17 | 14 | 15 |
| Good..... | 68 | 73 | 77 | 72 |
| Excellent..... | 6 | 6 | 8 | 12 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | NA |
| Poor..... | 8 | 4 | -- | NA |
| Fair..... | 28 | 24 | 25 | NA |
| Good..... | 61 | 70 | 69 | NA |
| Excellent..... | 3 | 2 | 6 | 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-07292018.pdf