



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah saw significant precipitation last week, with 24 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 90 percent complete and third cutting is currently at 14 percent complete. Barley harvested is at 55 percent complete, ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats headed is at 87 percent complete and harvest is 36 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 38 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 72 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Tart cherry harvest is current at 86 percent complete. Peach harvest is currently at 10 percent complete. Box Elder County reports a very hot and dry week, with 2 major wildfires. The Goose Creek fire has burned 126,000 acres and is affecting farming and ranching and the Goring fire has burned 16,000 acres, including a few hundred acres of wheat. Cache County reports hot and dry conditions are persisting, and grain harvest is underway and progressing rapidly. Duchesne County reports some ranchers are starting to cut their cow herd due to lack of feed and high prices. Uintah County reports, farmers are running out of irrigation water. Garfield and Kane Counties reports, a severe thunderstorm caused some flooding and some hay damage. Stock water supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 34 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 8 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 30 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	90	82	89	87
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	14	10	21	14
Apricots				
Harvested .....	75	62	53	65
Barley				
Harvested .....	55	41	36	50
Corn				
Silking .....	62	37	64	64
Doughed .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Headed .....	87	83	NA	NA
Harvested .....	36	9	32	33
Other Hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	38	26	67	NA
Peaches				
Harvested .....	10	2	8	8
Spring wheat				
Harvested .....	38	22	27	37
Tart Cherries				
Harvested .....	86	60	80	81
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	72	61	62	69

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	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	12	14	9	14
Short .....	53	49	31	36
Adequate .....	35	37	60	49
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	13	15	6	14
Short .....	48	42	32	39
Adequate .....	39	43	62	47
Surplus .....	--	--	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	6	1	NA
Fair.....	16	13	18	NA
Good.....	71	74	65	NA
Excellent.....	6	7	16	NA
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	15	13	9	NA
Good.....	61	63	76	NA
Excellent.....	22	22	15	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	21	19	12	14
Good.....	66	67	62	67
Excellent.....	13	14	25	19
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	3
Fair.....	14	13	14	20
Good.....	77	79	80	68
Excellent.....	8	7	6	9
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	11	8	5	NA
Fair.....	31	25	24	NA
Good.....	52	61	65	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	6	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	17	16	5	3
Poor.....	26	22	15	15
Fair.....	47	44	31	34
Good.....	10	18	44	42
Excellent.....	--	--	5	6
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	9	9	--	NA
Poor.....	15	13	9	NA
Fair.....	17	19	20	NA
Good.....	42	42	55	NA
Excellent.....	17	17	16	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	12	8	--	NA
Poor.....	20	24	11	NA
Fair.....	32	33	45	NA
Good.....	31	33	40	NA
Excellent.....	5	2	4	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	6	1	1
Fair.....	22	20	12	16
Good.....	65	68	76	70
Excellent.....	6	6	11	13
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	12	8	--	NA
Fair.....	29	28	23	NA
Good.....	57	61	66	NA
Excellent.....	2	3	11	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-08052018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-08052018.pdf)