



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah was very dry last week, with only 5 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 nearly complete at 95 percent and third cutting is currently at 28 percent complete. Barley harvested is at 83 percent complete, ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats headed is at 92 percent complete and harvest is 50 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 58 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 93 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Tart cherry harvest is nearly complete at 95 percent. Peach harvest is currently at 21 percent complete. Box Elder County reports another hot, dry week and fires have burned a large amount of rangeland which will have a significant impact on ranchers for the next two years. Uintah County reports irrigators have been using the last of their allocation and shutting down for the season. Beaver County reports rangeland is extremely dry, causing ranchers to bring their cows off the range early due to the poor conditions. Garfield and Kane Counties reports afternoon thunderstorms have been spotty, but have provided some drought relief. Stock water supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 41 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 11 percent very poor, 17 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 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	90	94	93
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	28	14	36	26
Apricots				
Harvested .....	82	75	64	71
Barley				
Harvested .....	83	55	57	65
Corn				
Silked .....	75	62	86	80
Doughed .....	15	4	16	13
Oats				
Headed .....	92	87	NA	NA
Harvested .....	50	36	44	41
Other Hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	53	38	72	NA
Peaches				
Harvested .....	21	10	13	15
Spring wheat				
Harvested .....	58	38	46	51
Tart Cherries				
Harvested .....	95	86	89	91
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	93	72	76	80

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	6.5	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	20	12	11	12
Short .....	48	53	38	41
Adequate .....	32	35	51	46
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	21	13	10	16
Short .....	44	48	37	41
Adequate .....	35	39	53	43
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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	8	7	1	NA
Fair.....	18	16	19	NA
Good.....	66	71	72	NA
Excellent.....	8	6	8	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	20	21	15	15
Good.....	67	66	68	69
Excellent.....	13	13	16	16
<b>Oats</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	14	14	19	NA
Good.....	78	77	71	NA
Excellent.....	7	8	10	NA
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor.....	11	11	4	NA
Fair.....	34	31	27	NA
Good.....	48	52	64	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	5	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	16	17	7	3
Poor.....	31	26	19	16
Fair.....	44	47	33	39
Good.....	9	10	35	38
Excellent.....	--	--	6	4
<b>Spring wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	9	9	--	NA
Poor.....	16	15	10	NA
Fair.....	17	17	20	NA
Good.....	41	42	55	NA
Excellent.....	17	17	15	NA
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	12	12	--	NA
Poor.....	20	20	11	NA
Fair.....	32	32	45	NA
Good.....	31	31	40	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	4	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	7	1	1
Fair.....	24	22	17	17
Good.....	64	65	71	69
Excellent.....	6	6	11	13
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	12	--	NA
Fair.....	29	29	27	NA
Good.....	64	57	63	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	10	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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-08122018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-08122018.pdf)