



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw some storms last week, with 23 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 third cutting is currently at 45 percent complete, behind the previous year. Barley harvested is at 88 percent complete, ahead of both the previous year and 5-year average. Oats headed is at 96 percent complete and harvest is 58 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year and 5-year average. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 75 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat harvested is currently at 98 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Peach harvest is currently at 34 percent complete. Box Elder County reports another hot, dry week, with drought gripping the county as livestock producers are having to make some tough decisions on herd size. Cache County reports hot, dry conditions. Wayne County reports continued drought conditions. Beaver County reports very hot and dry conditions are hurting rangeland and forcing farmers to feed livestock hay already. Iron county reports monsoon rains have greatly improved range conditions. Stock water supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 44 percent short, and 41 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 8 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 40 percent fair, and 35 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting harvested	45	28	61	39
Apricots				
Harvested.....	91	82	78	80
Barley				
Harvested.....	88	83	72	76
Corn				
Silked.....	89	75	93	91
Doughed	30	15	37	30
Oats				
Headed.....	96	92	NA	NA
Harvested.....	58	50	53	53
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	77	53	76	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	34	21	17	23
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	75	58	65	67
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	98	93	87	89

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	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	20	8	11
Short.....	47	48	45	41
Adequate	31	32	47	47
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	23	21	10	15
Short.....	41	44	34	40
Adequate	36	35	56	45
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	8	1	NA
Fair.....	16	18	12	NA
Good.....	70	66	78	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	9	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	--
Fair.....	16	20	18	15
Good.....	70	67	69	69
Excellent.....	14	13	12	16
Oats				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	14	14	19	NA
Good.....	78	78	71	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	10	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	16	8	4
Poor.....	31	31	18	15
Fair.....	43	44	33	39
Good.....	9	9	34	38
Excellent.....	--	--	7	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	1	1
Fair.....	23	24	11	16
Good.....	66	64	78	71
Excellent.....	6	6	10	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	--	NA
Fair.....	28	29	27	NA
Good.....	65	64	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-08192018.pdf