



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw some storms last week, with 27 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 57 percent complete, behind the previous year and fourth cutting is just beginning at 2 percent complete. Barley harvested is at 90 percent complete. Oats harvest is 64 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 84 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Peach harvest is currently at 40 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs have started to come off pasture, both at 1 percent complete. Box Elder County reports a mostly dry week and corn producers will start harvesting soon. Cache County reports yield for small grains and alfalfa look good, but range and pasture conditions are very poor. Sevier County reports crop and range conditions are highly variable depending on the moisture, with some monsoon rains at higher elevations. Iron County reports monsoon rains have allowed livestock to stay on pasture longer. Garfield and Kane Counties reports scattered thunderstorms have provided much needed moisture. Stock water supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 37 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 16 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 27 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.....	57	45	74	53
4 th cutting harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Apricots				
Harvested.....	97	91	89	88
Barley				
Harvested.....	90	88	86	85
Corn				
Silked.....	93	89	97	NA
Doughed.....	44	30	49	49
Dented.....	8	--	3	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	64	58	66	66
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	84	77	81	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	40	34	28	33
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	84	75	77	79
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	1	NA	NA	NA

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.....	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	22	14	13
Short.....	53	47	41	40
Adequate.....	22	31	45	46
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	23	11	15
Short.....	42	41	41	40
Adequate.....	28	36	48	44
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.....	2	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	6	3	NA
Fair.....	19	16	17	NA
Good.....	61	70	69	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	11	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	--
Fair.....	18	16	19	16
Good.....	64	70	67	68
Excellent.....	17	14	13	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	19	17	10	4
Poor.....	35	31	22	16
Fair.....	38	43	35	39
Good.....	8	9	25	36
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	5	1	1
Fair.....	26	23	17	17
Good.....	58	66	69	70
Excellent.....	12	6	13	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	--	NA
Fair.....	31	28	32	NA
Good.....	59	65	57	NA
Excellent.....	5	2	11	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-08262018.pdf