



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced warm and dry weather across much of the State last week with only 5 of the 34 weather stations reporting 0.04 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 81 percent complete, equal to the previous year and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 13 percent complete, just over last year at 11 percent. Barley harvested is at 95 percent complete. Oats harvest is 78 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is currently at 90 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year. Peach harvest was half completed by weeks end. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs have started to come off pasture, at 6 percent and 7 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports another mostly dry week, with farmers continuing to cut hay, irrigate corn, and prepare fields for fall wheat planting. Cache County reported a delay in wheat planting until additional precipitation is received. They also reported that the dry weather has allowed for ideal conditions for harvest of alfalfa, grass hay, and safflower. Stock water supplies were rated 30 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 20 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 25 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 25 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.....	81	57	81	64
4 th cutting harvested.....	13	2	11	NA
Barley				
Harvested.....	95	90	91	NA
Corn				
Silked.....	95	93	NA	NA
Doughed.....	49	44	75	70
Dented.....	19	8	12	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	78	64	83	76
Onions				
Harvested.....	1	NA	9	NA
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	85	84	91	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	50	40	52	53
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	90	84	87	89
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	4	--	7	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	6	1	4	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	7	1	1	NA

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	6.5	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	25	5	9
Short.....	48	53	31	37
Adequate.....	24	22	64	53
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	30	5	13
Short.....	44	42	30	36
Adequate.....	20	28	65	50
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	1	NA
Poor.....	16	10	4	NA
Fair.....	25	19	13	NA
Good.....	52	61	57	NA
Excellent.....	7	8	25	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	--
Fair.....	18	18	11	13
Good.....	58	64	66	69
Excellent.....	23	17	22	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	19	5	3
Poor.....	37	35	12	12
Fair.....	35	38	26	39
Good.....	8	8	46	41
Excellent.....	--	--	11	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	10	4	1	1
Fair.....	34	26	12	15
Good.....	50	58	74	72
Excellent.....	6	12	13	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	1	NA
Fair.....	40	31	25	NA
Good.....	52	59	65	NA
Excellent.....	2	5	9	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-09022018.pdf