



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced warm and dry weather across much of the state last week, with only 11 out of 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 88 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 23 percent complete. Apple harvest has begun, currently at 1 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 5 percent complete. Oat harvest is nearing completion, at 83 percent complete. Spring wheat harvested is nearly complete at 96 percent. Peach harvest is at 60 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 14 percent complete, behind the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 11 percent complete, behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs have started to come off pasture, at 18 percent and 15 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports corn harvest for silage has begun and sheep producers are sorting lambs. Cache County reports conditions are still hot and dry. Wayne County reports winter ranges are in very poor condition. Beaver County reports very dry conditions and cows are being brought off ranges a month early. Iron County reports low stock water supplies from the lack of rain over the last few weeks. Stock water supplies were rated 31 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 29 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 27 percent fair, and 24 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.....	88	81	85	75
4 th cutting harvested.....	23	13	24	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	1	--	17	21
Corn				
Doughed.....	75	49	91	82
Dented.....	40	19	28	27
Harvested for silage.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	83	78	88	83
Onions				
Harvested.....	14	1	26	NA
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	89	85	95	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	60	50	77	69
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	96	90	94	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	11	4	16	24
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	18	6	9	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	15	7	6	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.....	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	37	28	5	8
Short.....	42	48	40	36
Adequate.....	21	24	55	55
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	43	36	9	12
Short.....	38	44	35	37
Adequate.....	19	20	56	51
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.....	11	16	2	NA
Fair.....	21	25	22	NA
Good.....	60	52	58	NA
Excellent.....	8	7	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	--
Fair.....	15	18	11	13
Good.....	66	58	57	68
Excellent.....	19	23	31	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	20	3	2
Poor.....	35	37	14	12
Fair.....	30	35	30	40
Good.....	6	8	44	41
Excellent.....	--	--	9	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	10	1	1
Fair.....	29	34	9	14
Good.....	57	50	78	73
Excellent.....	7	6	12	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	6	--	NA
Fair.....	35	40	27	NA
Good.....	57	52	62	NA
Excellent.....	3	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-09092018.pdf