



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced warm and dry weather across much of the state last week, with only 1 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 93 percent complete, slightly ahead of the previous year and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 44 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 14 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 25 percent complete. Oat harvest is nearing completion, at 90 percent complete. Peach harvest is at 78 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 26 percent complete, behind the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 19 percent complete, well behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs have started to come off pasture, at 37 percent and 38 percent complete, respectively, well ahead of the previous year. Box Elder County reports another dry week and livestock producers are worried about hay supplies with range conditions being so poor. Cache County reported perfect weather for chopping corn and little winter wheat has been planted. Utah County reports wildfires have damaged grazing range and scattered cattle. Sevier County reports very dry conditions continue, with irrigation reservoirs being at historically low levels. Beaver County reports a number of areas are not getting harvested due to the lack of irrigation water. Garfield and Kane Counties reports dry conditions persisting, with a need for moisture especially snowpack. Stock water supplies were rated 24 percent very short, 44 percent short, and 32 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 21 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 30 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.....	93	88	90	84
4 th cutting harvested.....	44	23	34	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	14	1	42	30
Corn				
Doughed.....	88	75	96	89
Dented.....	68	40	53	45
Mature.....	10	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	25	5	18	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	90	83	90	88
Onions				
Harvested.....	26	14	33	30
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	93	89	NA	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	78	60	84	76
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	19	11	40	43
Emerged.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	37	18	13	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	38	15	13	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	7.0	5.8	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	29	37	5	7
Short.....	45	42	36	34
Adequate.....	26	21	57	58
Surplus.....	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	38	43	13	12
Short.....	38	38	37	37
Adequate.....	24	19	50	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.....	3	--	1	NA
Poor.....	8	11	3	NA
Fair.....	19	21	17	NA
Good.....	62	60	67	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	12	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	15	17	14
Good.....	69	66	66	68
Excellent.....	14	19	17	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	29	7	3
Poor.....	37	35	19	14
Fair.....	33	30	35	39
Good.....	7	6	31	39
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	7	1	1
Fair.....	31	29	18	15
Good.....	57	57	71	71
Excellent.....	7	7	10	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	5	1	NA
Fair.....	30	35	31	NA
Good.....	62	57	59	NA
Excellent.....	3	3	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-09162018.pdf