



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced warm and dry weather across much of the state last week, with only 3 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 96 percent complete, and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 61 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 26 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 50 percent complete, ahead of the prior year. Oat harvest is nearing completion, at 93 percent complete. Peach harvest is at 85 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 52 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 27 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 54 percent and 55 percent complete, respectively, well ahead of the previous year. Cache County reports very dry conditions and winter wheat is only emerging where there is irrigation water. Utah County reports wildfires have damaged thousands of acres and an undetermined amount of cattle lost. Beaver County reports the weather is still very hot and dry, causing ranchers to haul water to livestock. Iron County reports very dry conditions with ranchers hauling water to livestock. Stock water supplies were rated 28 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 26 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 36 percent fair, and 28 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.....	96	93	94	91
4 th cutting harvested.....	61	44	46	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	26	14	48	39
Corn				
Doughed.....	96	88	NA	NA
Dented.....	82	68	77	70
Mature.....	36	10	29	26
Harvested for silage.....	50	25	37	NA
Oats				
Harvested.....	93	90	95	94
Onions				
Harvested.....	52	26	37	43
Other Hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	96	93	NA	NA
Peaches				
Harvested.....	85	78	88	84
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	27	19	48	58
Emerged.....	3	1	7	18
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	54	37	18	23
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	55	38	18	24

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.....	7.0	7.0	5.3	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	25	29	2	4
Short.....	43	45	19	26
Adequate.....	32	26	65	55
Surplus.....	--	--	14	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	38	3	7
Short.....	41	38	39	36
Adequate.....	29	24	56	64
Surplus.....	--	--	2	6

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.....	11	8	2	NA
Fair.....	16	19	22	NA
Good.....	63	62	62	NA
Excellent.....	10	8	13	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	--
Fair.....	8	16	17	15
Good.....	72	69	57	68
Excellent.....	20	14	26	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	23	5	2
Poor.....	37	37	22	14
Fair.....	28	33	36	39
Good.....	6	7	29	40
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	5	1	1
Fair.....	24	31	18	16
Good.....	64	57	70	71
Excellent.....	9	7	11	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	1	NA
Fair.....	24	30	31	NA
Good.....	69	62	56	NA
Excellent.....	1	3	12	NA

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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-09232018.pdf