



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah experienced warm and dry weather across much of the state last week, with only 2 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. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 65 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 55 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 76 percent complete, ahead of the prior year and grain harvest is just beginning at 2 percent complete. Oat harvest is nearing completion, at 97 percent complete. Peach harvest is at 95 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 65 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 41 percent complete, well behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 60 percent and 66 percent complete, respectively, well ahead of the previous year. Wayne County reports the driest fall in recent memory, as producers are hauling water to cattle so they can make it back from summer ranges. Beaver County reports cattle being moved into alfalfa fields and being fed hay due to poor range conditions. Iron County reports corn harvest for grain is just beginning. Garfield and Kane Counties report extremely dry weather. Stock water supplies were rated 36 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 16 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 35 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 21 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	65	61	64	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	55	26	64	49
Corn				
Dented.....	85	82	89	83
Mature.....	50	36	54	46
Harvested for grain.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	76	50	56	53
Oats				
Harvested.....	97	93	NA	NA
Onions				
Harvested.....	65	52	46	54
Peaches				
Harvested.....	95	85	90	89
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	41	27	64	73
Emerged.....	5	3	18	37
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	60	54	28	35
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	66	55	35	38

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	5.6	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	34	25	--	3
Short.....	41	43	26	27
Adequate.....	25	32	69	67
Surplus.....	--	--	5	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	34	30	--	6
Short.....	45	41	37	35
Adequate.....	21	29	63	58
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.....	1	--	--	NA
Poor.....	17	11	--	NA
Fair.....	18	16	19	NA
Good.....	55	63	64	NA
Excellent.....	9	10	17	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	8	8	12	14
Good.....	72	72	53	66
Excellent.....	20	20	35	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	36	29	1	1
Poor.....	35	37	6	10
Fair.....	23	28	32	39
Good.....	6	6	53	45
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	1	1
Fair.....	26	24	7	14
Good.....	62	64	79	73
Excellent.....	9	9	13	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	6	--	NA
Fair.....	22	24	18	NA
Good.....	72	69	65	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	17	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-09302018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-09302018.pdf)