



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced significant moisture across the state last week, with 34 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.26 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 70 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 61 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 94 percent complete, ahead of the prior year and grain harvest is at 9 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 81 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 50 percent complete, well behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 64 percent and 68 percent complete, respectively, ahead of the previous year. Box Elder County was listed as a D3 – extreme drought on September 18th, precipitation last week has helped the dry conditions. Cache County reports rain showers have helped the dry conditions and cattle are looking good. Utah County reports wildfires have consumed 125,000 acres and roughly 200 head of cattle lost with another 900 missing. Sevier County reports receiving about 2 inches of rain over last week. Beaver County reports significant rainfall last week and there is a big shortage of fall feed for cattle. Iron County reports, well over 2 inches of moisture. Stock water supplies were rated 23 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 38 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 24 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 36 percent fair, and 26 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa				
4 th cutting harvested.....	70	65	78	61
Apples				
Harvested.....	61	55	81	63
Corn				
Dented.....	91	85	93	88
Mature.....	64	50	73	61
Harvested for grain	9	2	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	94	76	78	71
Onions				
Harvested.....	81	65	67	70
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	50	41	81	84
Emerged.....	8	5	41	51
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	64	60	54	53
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	68	66	47	51

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.....	4.1	7.0	6.4	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	34	4	5
Short.....	29	41	31	28
Adequate.....	54	25	64	65
Surplus.....	8	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	19	34	--	8
Short.....	45	45	39	33
Adequate.....	36	21	61	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	8	12	14
Good.....	67	72	50	66
Excellent.....	15	20	38	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	36	1	1
Poor.....	40	35	6	11
Fair.....	32	23	33	38
Good.....	5	6	52	45
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	3	1	1
Fair.....	33	26	8	15
Good.....	53	62	78	71
Excellent.....	8	9	13	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	--	NA
Fair.....	28	22	14	NA
Good.....	63	72	74	NA
Excellent.....	3	1	12	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-10072018.pdf