



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah experienced significant moisture across the state last week, with 31 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.20 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 73 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 75 percent complete. Corn harvested for silage is currently at 98 percent complete, ahead of the prior year and grain harvest is at 25 percent complete. Onion harvest is at 88 percent complete, ahead of the previous year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 60 percent complete, well behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 74 percent and 78 percent complete, respectively, ahead of the previous year. Box Elder County reports storms going through the region as farmers continue to harvest corn and prepare fields for winter wheat. Uintah County reported a hard frost. Beaver County reports cattle coming off fields early due to the drought. Iron County reports corn grain harvest was slowed by the wet weather. Garfield and Kane Counties report several storms moved through the area last week bringing much needed moisture. Stock water supplies were rated 26 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 33 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 30 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 18 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.....	73	70	89	75
Apples				
Harvested.....	75	61	86	75
Corn				
Dented.....	95	91	95	92
Mature.....	75	64	85	74
Harvested for grain.....	25	9	31	19
Harvested for silage.....	98	94	93	86
Onions				
Harvested.....	88	81	84	84
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	60	50	87	89
Emerged.....	15	8	53	63
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	74	64	70	68
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	78	68	67	67

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.....	4.5	4.1	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	9	6	5
Short.....	23	29	23	28
Adequate.....	74	54	71	66
Surplus.....	--	8	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	19	4	9
Short.....	48	45	30	32
Adequate.....	43	36	66	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	2	--	--
Fair.....	17	16	14	14
Good.....	67	67	57	67
Excellent.....	14	15	29	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	31	23	4	2
Poor.....	40	40	11	12
Fair.....	24	32	34	38
Good.....	5	5	43	43
Excellent.....	--	--	8	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	1	1
Fair.....	31	33	13	16
Good.....	54	53	73	70
Excellent.....	9	8	13	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	6	1	NA
Fair.....	32	28	21	NA
Good.....	58	63	65	NA
Excellent.....	4	3	13	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-10142018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/UT-Weather-10142018.pdf)