



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced some moisture in the lower part of the state last week, with 13 out of 34 weather stations reporting 0.05 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 79 percent complete. Apple harvest is currently at 90 percent complete. Corn harvested for grain is currently at 32 percent complete, behind the prior year. Onion harvest is at 93 percent complete. Winter wheat planting is currently at 65 percent complete, well behind last year and the 5 year average. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 80 percent and 82 percent complete, respectively. Pasture and range condition are still very poor with drought conditions persisting. Box Elder County reports onion producers are just finishing harvest. Cache County reports some calves are lighter than usual due to the extended dry season and crop harvest has been completed with the only exception being corn for grain. Iron County reports rain is interfering with corn for grain and alfalfa harvest. Stock water supplies were rated 23 percent very short, 39 percent short, and 38 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 32 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 25 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.....	79	73	94	87
Apples				
Harvested.....	90	75	89	84
Corn				
Mature.....	85	75	90	84
Harvested for grain	32	25	59	36
Onions				
Harvested.....	93	88	93	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	65	60	94	93
Emerged.....	23	15	62	71
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	80	74	81	80
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	82	78	81	83

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.....	6.8	4.5	6.8	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	3	5
Short.....	27	23	32	30
Adequate.....	70	74	65	63
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	3	8
Short.....	49	48	32	34
Adequate.....	42	43	65	57
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	17	8	11
Good.....	67	67	70	72
Excellent.....	14	14	22	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	30	31	3	2
Poor.....	38	40	10	11
Fair.....	25	24	40	39
Good.....	7	5	37	42
Excellent.....	--	--	10	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	2	1
Fair.....	31	31	11	16
Good.....	53	54	74	69
Excellent.....	10	9	13	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	6	2	NA
Fair.....	34	32	12	NA
Good.....	54	58	73	NA
Excellent.....	5	4	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-10212018.pdf