



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah experienced significant moisture last week, with 32 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 88 percent complete. Apple harvest is nearing completion, currently at 95 percent. Corn harvested for grain is currently at 40 percent complete, well behind the prior year. Onion harvest is at 97 percent complete. Winter wheat planting is currently at 80 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 84 percent and 94 percent complete, respectively. Cattle and calves and sheep and lamb are receiving supplemental feed earlier than usual this year due to the poor pasture and range condition. Box Elder County reports a shortage of fall pasture due to emergency grazing of CRP acreage during drought conditions this summer. Cache County reports field work is mostly done for the year. Beaver County reports fall pasture is in very short supply, as some ranchers are feeding hay already. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 17 percent very short, 28 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 49 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated at 38 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 25 percent fair, and 19 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.....	88	79	NA	NA
Apples				
Harvested.....	95	90	94	89
Corn				
Mature.....	94	85	93	91
Harvested for grain.....	40	32	72	49
Onions				
Harvested.....	97	93	98	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	80	65	NA	NA
Emerged.....	46	23	78	81
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	84	80	88	87
Receiving supplemental feed.....	34	NA	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	94	82	85	90
Receiving supplemental feed.....	28	NA	NA	NA

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.....	6.1	6.8	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	8	5
Short.....	33	27	36	31
Adequate.....	64	70	56	62
Surplus.....	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	9	12	10
Short.....	52	49	41	35
Adequate.....	39	42	47	54
Surplus.....	1	--	--	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.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	2	NA	NA
Fair.....	17	17	NA	NA
Good.....	67	67	NA	NA
Excellent.....	14	14	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	26	30	5	NA
Poor.....	42	38	16	NA
Fair.....	25	25	48	NA
Good.....	6	7	25	NA
Excellent.....	1	--	6	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	6	1	NA
Fair.....	33	31	12	NA
Good.....	51	53	77	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	10	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	7	2	NA
Fair.....	33	34	20	NA
Good.....	57	54	67	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	11	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-10282018.pdf