

UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah had scattered moisture last week, with 15 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 98 percent complete. Corn harvested for grain is currently at 48 percent complete, well behind the prior year. Winter wheat planting is currently at 88 percent complete. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs continue to come off pasture, at 88 percent and 97 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 most field work is done for the season and livestock producers are shipping cattle. Iron county reports farming activities are finished for the year. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 60 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 46 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa	-					
4 th cutting harvested	98	88	NA	NA		
Corn						
Mature	96	94	97	96		
Harvested for grain	48	40	79	62		
Winter wheat						
Planted	88	80	NA	NA		
Emerged	57	46	86	88		
Cattle and calves						
Moved from pasture	88	84	92	90		
Receiving supplemental feed	44	34	NA	NA		
Sheep and lambs						
Moved from pasture	97	94	89	NA		
Receiving supplemental feed	39	28	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	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3		
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Very short	4	3	17	6		
Short	35	33	30	31		
Adequate	61	64	53	62		
Surplus				1		
Subsoil moisture						
Very short	10	8	13	10		
Short	45	52	39	36		
Adequate	45	39	48	53		
Surplus		1		1		

NA – not available

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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	NA	NA
Fair	15	17	NA	NA
Good	71	67	NA	NA
Excellent	14	14	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	21	26	5	NA
Poor	46	42	21	NA
Fair	28	25	44	NA
Good	5	6	27	NA
Excellent		1	3	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor				
Poor	5	6	1	1
Fair	36	33	20	17
Good	54	51	70	70
Excellent	5	10	9	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor				NA
Poor	6	5	1	NA
Fair	30	33	29	NA
Good	63	57	67	NA
Excellent	1	5	3	NA

NA – not available

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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-11042018.pdf