



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with rain storms occurred throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 64 percent last week to 63 percent. Box Elder County reports rain storms towards the end of the week halted fieldwork, with wet alfalfa fields more likely to be green chopped. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report producers continued harvesting fourth cutting of alfalfa and harvesting corn silage. Statewide, the third cutting of alfalfa is at 95 percent complete, and the fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 52 percent complete, both slightly behind last year's progress. Statewide, corn silage harvest is at 33 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Iron County reports producers have started shipping cattle and sheep. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 77 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	95	89	NA	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	52	40	64	NA
Corn				
Doughed.....	95	90	NA	NA
Dented.....	59	50	85	81
Mature.....	7	NA	48	41
Harvested for silage.....	33	19	72	53
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	35	18	39	65
Emerged.....	4	NA	5	28
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	55	48	59	38
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	52	46	64	41

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.....	5.9	6.6	7.0	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	8	34	9
Short.....	27	28	41	30
Adequate.....	61	64	25	58
Surplus.....	2	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	34	12
Short.....	31	33	45	36
Adequate.....	62	61	21	51
Surplus.....	--	--	--	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	3	4	17	NA
Fair.....	33	30	18	NA
Good.....	58	62	55	NA
Excellent.....	6	4	9	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	7	6	8	11
Good.....	72	67	72	68
Excellent.....	21	27	20	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	3	36	9
Poor.....	8	9	35	14
Fair.....	36	33	23	35
Good.....	49	50	6	38
Excellent.....	5	5	--	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	1
Fair.....	14	15	26	14
Good.....	71	74	62	71
Excellent.....	14	10	9	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	5	1
Fair.....	14	16	22	16
Good.....	63	65	72	72
Excellent.....	23	19	1	11

NA – not available

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