



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The past week resulted in cooler than normal temperatures across the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. While northern Utah received a fair amount of moisture this past week, the remainder of the state remains quite dry, except some areas in the south which received scattered rains. The percent of the state experiencing severe drought increased from 27 percent last week to 48 percent this week. Almost the entire state, except areas in the northeast and southwest, is rated as experiencing at least moderate drought. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 55 percent last week to 52 percent. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 93 percent complete and 69 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress. Box Elder County reports winter wheat is beginning to become ripe, and farmers are progressing on their second cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, barley headed is at 84 percent complete and winter wheat headed is at 93 percent complete. Reporters from both Uintah and Beaver counties stated grasshoppers continue to be a problem and are hurting some crops. A reporter from the southern part of the state indicated that although some moisture was received, conditions are very dry and need more. Stock water supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 65 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	93	86	77	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	22	3	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	84	69	65	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	69	55	63	81
Tart cherries				
Harvested	3	--	1	3
Winter wheat				
Headed	93	90	NA	NA
Harvested	1	--	1	4

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	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	11	1	11
Short.....	33	34	27	36
Adequate	52	55	70	52
Surplus	--	--	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	13	1	9
Short.....	32	31	25	34
Adequate	52	56	70	56
Surplus	--	--	4	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.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	5	4	9	NA
Fair.....	25	24	25	NA
Good.....	62	67	56	NA
Excellent.....	8	5	10	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	1
Fair.....	40	36	15	12
Good.....	48	55	57	66
Excellent.....	9	6	28	21
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	10	--	--
Fair.....	29	31	18	15
Good.....	56	55	62	72
Excellent.....	6	4	20	13
Other hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	8	7	1	NA
Fair.....	29	21	16	NA
Good.....	59	68	55	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	28	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	3
Poor.....	14	12	--	9
Fair.....	42	43	8	30
Good.....	39	41	51	45
Excellent.....	1	--	41	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	3
Poor.....	11	14	13	8
Fair.....	43	39	30	25
Good.....	30	31	42	49
Excellent.....	11	11	15	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	1	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	8	12
Good.....	75	81	70	71
Excellent.....	13	9	22	16
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	16	16	6	15
Good.....	71	72	73	71
Excellent.....	13	12	21	13

NA – not available

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