



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of very dry, warm weather along with occasional winds occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 44 percent last week to 37 percent. Statewide, the second and third cuttings of alfalfa are 88 percent complete and 15 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress, and the second cutting of other hay is at 17 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Box Elder County reports farmers were busy spraying corn fields for spider mites. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 32 percent complete and 54 percent complete, respectively, and corn silking is at 38 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Reporters from both Box Elder and Beaver counties stated producers were busy harvesting winter wheat. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate without significant moisture. Reporters from Beaver, Garfield, and Kane counties stated pastures were drying out due to drought conditions. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, ten percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 63 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout the rest of the state. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 30 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 48 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	88	80	78	89
3 rd cutting harvested.....	15	8	11	22
Barley				
Harvested.....	32	23	29	59
Corn				
Silked.....	38	27	58	68
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	17	11	20	55
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	54	30	58	77

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	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	15	3	10
Short.....	43	41	34	38
Adequate	37	44	63	51
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	20	2	10
Short.....	32	35	34	39
Adequate	51	43	64	51
Surplus	4	2	--	--

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.....	2	1	--	NA
Poor	4	3	2	NA
Fair	15	21	28	NA
Good.....	75	69	56	NA
Excellent.....	4	6	14	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Poor	3	--	--	NA
Fair	33	41	15	NA
Good.....	59	59	60	NA
Excellent.....	3	--	25	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	--	--
Fair	17	23	18	15
Good.....	78	70	58	70
Excellent.....	5	7	24	15
Other hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	NA
Poor	7	5	2	NA
Fair	16	16	15	NA
Good.....	68	67	61	NA
Excellent.....	5	8	22	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	2	--	5
Poor.....	13	15	3	15
Fair.....	40	33	19	32
Good	42	46	56	39
Excellent	2	4	22	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	10	9	14	NA
Fair.....	39	40	27	NA
Good	37	41	48	NA
Excellent	14	10	11	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	2	--	1
Fair.....	14	16	11	15
Good	79	74	71	70
Excellent	7	7	18	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	15	20	10	18
Good	70	62	67	68
Excellent	12	14	23	13

NA – not available

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