



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Pastures continued to dry out due to the hot and dry conditions throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 24 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 69 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout the rest of the state. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 37 percent last week to 39 percent. Statewide, the second and third cuttings of alfalfa are 95 percent complete and 33 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress, and the second cutting of other hay is at 27 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 50 percent complete and 71 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reporters noted reports of smut in dryland winter wheat, which will most likely be sold for livestock feed. Corn silking and corn dough are at 61 percent complete and 4 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 35 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 20 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.....	95	88	86	NA
3 rd cutting harvested.....	33	15	23	37
Barley				
Harvested.....	50	32	54	74
Corn				
Silked.....	61	38	76	85
Dough.....	4	--	12	22
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	27	17	39	66
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	71	54	77	87

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	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	20	4	10
Short.....	41	43	31	40
Adequate	39	37	65	49
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	13	1	11
Short.....	32	32	34	38
Adequate	51	51	65	51
Surplus	1	4	--	--

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	2	--	NA
Poor	4	4	5	NA
Fair	16	15	24	NA
Good.....	75	75	60	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	11	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Poor	6	3	--	NA
Fair	30	33	20	NA
Good.....	60	59	62	NA
Excellent.....	4	3	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	--	--
Fair	16	17	11	14
Good.....	77	78	62	70
Excellent.....	6	5	27	16
Other hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	NA
Poor	6	7	8	NA
Fair	22	16	20	NA
Good.....	63	68	58	NA
Excellent.....	5	5	14	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	3	1	6
Poor.....	14	13	7	15
Fair.....	43	40	19	34
Good	38	42	55	38
Excellent	1	2	18	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair.....	19	14	11	13
Good	72	79	77	73
Excellent	7	7	12	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	15	15	10	18
Good	71	70	68	68
Excellent	12	12	22	13

NA – not available

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