



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another week of very dry, warm weather along with smoke from California fires occurred 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, 29 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 79 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout the rest of the state. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 39 percent last week to 34 percent. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 46 percent complete and 1 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 39 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 63 percent complete and 81 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reports farmers were finishing winter wheat harvest and the third cutting of alfalfa. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 77 percent complete and 25 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture has started early, with an estimated 1 percent of cattle and calves and 4 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Stock water supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 36 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 8 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 25 percent fair, and 45 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                              | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay                            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested..... | 46                        | 33                         | 36                         | 50                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested..... | 1                         | NA                         | 3                          | NA                          |
| Barley                                 |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                         | 63                        | 50                         | 76                         | 84                          |
| Corn                                   |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Silked.....                            | 77                        | 61                         | 87                         | NA                          |
| Doughed.....                           | 25                        | 4                          | 25                         | 38                          |
| Other hay                              |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested..... | 39                        | 27                         | 51                         | 74                          |
| Winter wheat                           |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                         | 81                        | 71                         | 85                         | NA                          |
| Cattle and calves                      |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from pasture.....                | 1                         | --                         | --                         | NA                          |
| Sheep and lambs                        |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from pasture.....                | 4                         | --                         | --                         | NA                          |

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..... | 6.9          | 7.0           | 7.0           | 6.8            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                   | 23           | 20            | 9             | 14             |
| Short.....                        | 43           | 41            | 32            | 40             |
| Adequate.....                     | 34           | 39            | 58            | 45             |
| Surplus.....                      | --           | --            | 1             | 1              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                   | 20           | 16            | 8             | 15             |
| Short.....                        | 33           | 32            | 35            | 40             |
| Adequate.....                     | 46           | 51            | 57            | 45             |
| Surplus.....                      | 1            | 1             | --            | --             |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

|                   | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                   | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Alfalfa hay       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 1            | 1             | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....         | 5            | 4             | --            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 18           | 16            | 20            | NA             |
| Good.....         | 71           | 75            | 68            | NA             |
| Excellent.....    | 5            | 4             | 12            | NA             |
| Corn              |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | 2            | 1             | --            | --             |
| Fair.....         | 14           | 16            | 16            | 15             |
| Good.....         | 71           | 77            | 64            | 70             |
| Excellent.....    | 13           | 6             | 20            | 15             |
| Other hay         |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 4            | 4             | --            | NA             |
| Poor.....         | 6            | 6             | --            | NA             |
| Fair.....         | 25           | 22            | 18            | NA             |
| Good.....         | 61           | 63            | 62            | NA             |
| Excellent.....    | 4            | 5             | 20            | NA             |
| Pasture and range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 5            | 4             | --            | 6              |
| Poor.....         | 21           | 14            | 3             | 16             |
| Fair.....         | 44           | 43            | 18            | 34             |
| Good.....         | 29           | 38            | 60            | 36             |
| Excellent.....    | 1            | 1             | 19            | 8              |
| Cattle and calves |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 1            | 1             | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | 2            | 1             | --            | 1              |
| Fair.....         | 24           | 19            | 7             | 14             |
| Good.....         | 66           | 72            | 73            | 70             |
| Excellent.....    | 7            | 7             | 20            | 15             |
| Sheep and lambs   |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | --             |
| Poor.....         | 4            | 2             | --            | 1              |
| Fair.....         | 20           | 15            | 3             | 18             |
| Good.....         | 62           | 71            | 66            | 65             |
| Excellent.....    | 14           | 12            | 31            | 16             |

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