



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Pastures continued to dry out due to the very 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, 46 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 38 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout most of the rest of the state. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 34 percent last week to 33 percent. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 60 percent complete and 3 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 58 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 75 percent complete and 88 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reports farmers were busy irrigating corn fields. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 83 percent complete and 45 percent complete, respectively. Beaver county reports livestock are being moved from pastures due to poor pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture are at 4 percent and 7 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 10 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 38 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	60	46	58	65
4 th cutting harvested.....	3	1	4	7
Barley				
Harvested.....	75	63	84	90
Corn				
Silked.....	83	77	94	NA
Doughed.....	45	25	37	53
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	58	39	67	81
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	88	81	91	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	4	1	3	3
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	7	4	3	3

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	6.9	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	23	6	13
Short.....	39	43	39	39
Adequate.....	33	34	55	48
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	28	20	3	14
Short.....	31	33	42	39
Adequate.....	40	46	55	47
Surplus.....	1	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	1	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	2	NA
Fair.....	17	18	21	NA
Good.....	70	71	69	NA
Excellent.....	6	5	8	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	2	--	--
Fair.....	17	14	12	13
Good.....	67	71	69	70
Excellent.....	13	13	19	17
Other hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Poor.....	6	6	NA	NA
Fair.....	29	25	NA	NA
Good.....	57	61	NA	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	5	1	6
Poor.....	23	21	5	15
Fair.....	43	44	22	32
Good.....	23	29	60	40
Excellent.....	--	1	12	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	2	--	2
Fair.....	25	24	9	15
Good.....	65	66	73	69
Excellent.....	6	7	18	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	4	--	1
Fair.....	25	20	10	20
Good.....	56	62	65	66
Excellent.....	14	14	25	13

NA – not available

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