



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with precipitation 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, 3 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 80 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3) with the rest of the state under severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 25 percent last week to 27 percent. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 86 percent complete and 20 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 77 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Box Elder County reports farmers are preparing irrigated fields for winter wheat planting. Statewide, barley harvest is 98 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 95 percent complete and 79 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented is at 28 percent complete. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report farmers were busy with chopping corn for silage. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 13 percent complete. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep are being moved from pasture and are at 27 percent and 30 percent moved, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 30 percent very short, 38 percent short and 32 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 22 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 25 percent fair, and 26 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.....	86	75	80	85
4 th cutting harvested.....	20	7	24	31
Barley				
Harvested.....	98	88	94	NA
Corn				
Silked.....	95	89	NA	NA
Doughed.....	79	62	78	84
Dented.....	28	8	24	36
Harvested for silage.....	13	--	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	77	69	89	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	27	11	24	19
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	30	16	27	19

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.....	6.5	7.0	5.5	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	34	35	9	14
Short.....	39	40	31	37
Adequate.....	27	25	60	48
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	31	36	7	17
Short.....	32	29	40	39
Adequate.....	37	35	53	44
Surplus.....	--	--	--	--

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	--	--	NA
Poor.....	6	5	5	NA
Fair.....	21	21	31	NA
Good.....	65	68	61	NA
Excellent.....	7	6	3	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	--	--
Fair.....	17	19	8	14
Good.....	65	64	67	70
Excellent.....	13	14	25	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	14	17	3	8
Poor.....	21	25	7	18
Fair.....	42	39	26	34
Good.....	23	19	57	35
Excellent.....	--	--	7	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	2	--	1
Fair.....	27	33	13	17
Good.....	63	58	73	69
Excellent.....	6	7	14	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	5	--	1
Fair.....	30	31	14	20
Good.....	51	50	64	66
Excellent.....	12	14	22	13

NA – not available

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