



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cool temperatures along with limited 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, 6 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 83 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3) and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 27 percent last week to 28 percent. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 95 percent complete and 29 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 83 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Box Elder County reports farmers are busy harvesting onions and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat planted is at 19 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 88 percent complete and 47 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 18 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 34 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Box Elder and Sevier Counties report livestock are being moved from pastures due to poor pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep are being moved from pasture and are at 41 percent and 42 percent moved, respectively. Sevier County reports extreme drought and low irrigation supplies. Stock water supplies were rated 21 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 32 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 15 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 29 percent fair, and 28 percent good.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	95	86	87	91
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	29	20	36	45
Corn				
Doughed.....	88	79	88	NA
Dented.....	47	28	44	59
Mature.....	18	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	34	13	15	29
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	83	77	94	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	19	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	41	27	42	31
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	42	30	42	31

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.....	6.6	6.5	6.6	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	32	34	8	10
Short.....	40	39	28	30
Adequate.....	28	27	64	55
Surplus.....	--	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	31	6	12
Short.....	30	32	33	36
Adequate.....	39	37	61	51
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.....	6	6	4	NA
Fair.....	21	21	30	NA
Good.....	63	65	62	NA
Excellent.....	9	7	4	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	5	--	--
Fair.....	11	17	6	11
Good.....	71	65	67	69
Excellent.....	13	13	27	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	12	14	3	8
Poor.....	28	21	9	19
Fair.....	41	42	33	35
Good.....	19	23	50	33
Excellent.....	--	--	5	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	1	1
Fair.....	23	27	15	16
Good.....	66	63	74	71
Excellent.....	6	6	10	12
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	7	--	1
Fair.....	26	30	16	19
Good.....	55	51	65	68
Excellent.....	13	12	19	12

NA – not available

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