



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Hot and dry conditions 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, 10 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 74 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 decreased from 28 percent last week to 26 percent. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa and the second cutting of other hay are 50 percent complete and 95 percent complete, respectively. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report farmers are busy harvesting corn silage and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emergence are at 31 percent complete and 8 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 96 percent complete and 60 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 31 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 54 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Beaver County reports livestock are being moved from pastures due to drought and poor pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep being moved from pasture were both at 52 percent moved. Stock water supplies were rated 29 percent very short, 41 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 19 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 24 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				
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	50	29	49	58
Corn				
Doughed.....	96	88	94	NA
Dented.....	60	47	56	75
Mature.....	31	18	NA	NA
Harvested for silage .....	54	34	29	50
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	95	83	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted .....	31	19	30	50
Emerged.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	52	41	53	40
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	52	42	50	44

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	6.6	5.9	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	32	32	10	11
Short.....	42	40	27	30
Adequate.....	26	28	61	56
Surplus.....	--	--	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	30	7	13
Short.....	27	30	31	36
Adequate.....	40	39	62	50
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.....	7	6	3	NA
Fair.....	24	21	33	NA
Good.....	63	63	58	NA
Excellent.....	5	9	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	--	--
Fair.....	19	11	7	11
Good.....	64	71	72	69
Excellent.....	11	13	21	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	12	2	9
Poor.....	23	28	8	15
Fair.....	40	41	36	34
Good.....	22	19	49	38
Excellent.....	--	--	5	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	5	4	1	1
Fair.....	30	23	14	14
Good.....	57	66	71	72
Excellent.....	7	6	14	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	6	--	1
Fair.....	29	26	14	16
Good.....	49	55	63	69
Excellent.....	15	13	23	14

NA – not available

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