



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Extreme drought conditions were seen throughout much of 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, 13 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 75 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 26 percent last week to 18 percent. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 73 percent complete compared to 70 percent for the five-year average. In Beaver County, reporters stated that range and pasture conditions were poor due to drought resulting in livestock pulled off rangeland approximately a month early. Farmers also finished their fourth cutting of alfalfa hay in Beaver County. In Box Elder County, reporters noted that calves were being weaned and readied for auction. Statewide, winter wheat planted was at 53 percent completed by weeks end, compared to 64 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat emergence, at 26 percent complete, was one point behind the five-year average of 27 percent. Corn dented and corn mature are at 89 percent complete and 57 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 74 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Corn being harvested for grain had just started at 4 percent complete by the end of the week. With continued dry conditions, cattle and sheep being moved from pasture were at 63 and 75 percent moved, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 36 percent very short, 39 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 28 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 20 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested.....	73	50	66	70
Corn				
Dented.....	89	60	74	84
Mature.....	57	31	23	48
Harvested for grain	4	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	74	54	54	71
Winter wheat				
Planted	53	31	41	64
Emerged.....	26	8	10	27
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	63	52	61	51
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	75	52	53	53

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	7.0	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	37	32	11	7
Short.....	45	42	20	27
Adequate.....	18	26	67	62
Surplus.....	--	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	39	33	8	10
Short.....	29	27	22	34
Adequate.....	32	40	70	55
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	--	--
Fair.....	16	19	7	12
Good.....	68	64	67	67
Excellent.....	11	11	26	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	15	2	6
Poor.....	29	23	8	16
Fair.....	35	40	32	35
Good.....	16	22	57	40
Excellent.....	--	--	1	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	4	5	1	2
Fair.....	27	30	15	16
Good.....	62	57	72	69
Excellent.....	6	7	12	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	--	1
Fair.....	28	29	20	18
Good.....	56	49	65	69
Excellent.....	9	15	15	12

NA – not available

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