



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of very dry, warm weather along with occasional winds occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 23 percent last week to 22 percent. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 95 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year's progress. Corn mature and corn harvested for grain are at 82 percent complete and 44 percent complete, respectively. Corn silage harvest is 95 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year's progress. Box Elder County reports farmers are busy harvesting corn for grain. Statewide, winter wheat planted and winter wheat emergence are at 72 percent complete and 42 percent complete, respectively. Uintah County reports farmers have finished irrigation for the season. With continued dry conditions, cattle and sheep being moved from pasture were at 82 percent and 80 percent moved, respectively. Due to drought conditions, cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed has started early, at 42 and 36 percent, respectively. Garfield and Kane Counties report livestock producers are selling cattle due to continued drought conditions. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 21 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 30 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 12 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 37 percent fair, and 21 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	95	85	94	87
Corn				
Mature	82	72	72	77
Harvested for grain	44	23	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	95	85	94	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	72	67	75	83
Emerged	42	36	44	54
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	82	75	79	77
Receiving supplemental feed	42	NA	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	80	77	68	76
Receiving supplemental feed	36	NA	NA	NA

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	6.2	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	30	14	6
Short.....	50	47	10	26
Adequate.....	22	23	72	66
Surplus.....	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	28	34	11	9
Short.....	31	28	16	33
Adequate.....	41	38	73	57
Surplus.....	--	--	--	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)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	6	5	--	--
Fair.....	22	17	13	12
Good.....	63	67	60	70
Excellent.....	9	11	27	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	11	2	8
Poor.....	27	25	6	16
Fair.....	41	42	32	35
Good.....	15	22	53	36
Excellent.....	--	--	7	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	2
Fair.....	33	27	14	17
Good.....	55	60	73	68
Excellent.....	9	10	13	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	--	2
Fair.....	30	28	16	18
Good.....	50	53	63	67
Excellent.....	13	12	21	13

NA – not available

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